



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Cathy Brant

2016 is filled with many exciting events, but be This has been an exciting year for the Friends. Because of the hard work of our volunteers, and the capable guidance of Library staff, we have been able to raise public awareness of our organization as well as raise necessary funds to fulfill our obligations to support Library programs.



But we have much to do. As you know, the Friends have long advocated for two items: the return of the Library Literacy Program that was shelved when budget cuts eliminated one librarian position in 2008, and the implementation of plans to go ahead with renovation of the Library building.

Since the first of the year, there has been action on both items. First, Director of Library Services, Jeannie Kays, has included a new librarian position in her proposed budget for next year. This person would serve as the Community Services Librarian to resurrect the literacy program, coordinate bringing in outside services from groups who help with veterans, homeless, and legal aid services, write grants to support these programs, and coordinate volunteers who would help run them.

Second, the renovation of the Library building is back on the table. Last month we met with Mayor Moon and other Library-related groups to explore ways to get the huge project started. The first step, according to City Clerk James Thompson, is to hire a local architect to create construction plans from the conceptual plans developed by Group 4 Architects in 2013. This plan includes replacing plumbing, electrical wiring and HVAC systems, moving the children’s area to where the computer and magazine room is located, creating a new learning center/community room in the space vacated by the children’s activities, moving the public restrooms to the area next to the new Community Room, and moving the public computers to the central reading area.

Members of the Friends Board spoke in favor of both items at the recent Town Hall meetings at City Hall. Now we need to keep these items from getting lost in the shuffle of the upcoming budget talks. We can do this by writing letters to the editor of the Desert Sun, talking with friends and neighbors, and writing to City Council Members.

We are Friends of the Palm Springs Library because we love our library. Let’s help it meet the needs of our community in the future.

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Jeannie Kays

Summer Reading Program: READ for the WIN!

To play off the popularity of the Summer Olympics, the theme for this year’s Summer Reading Program is “READ for the WIN!” We look forward to eight weeks of summer fun, filled with games, performers, and activities to keep children, teen, and adults involved in the library and reading.



Summer Reading takes place June 6-July 28, 2016. Weekly prizes, free books, and the chance to win grand prizes for each age group will be available, depending on the level of participation. This year’s grand prizes are THREE Surface Pro 4 tablets, one for each age group, sponsored by Friends of the Palm Springs Library. Through the Sustainability Commission, we are also giving away three bicycles.

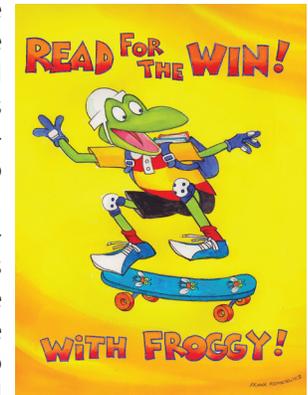
When we have exciting performances or activities, it draws families into the library. We want to get families into the library and we want them to leave with books that they will enjoy together.

By encouraging children to read just FIVE books during the summer, we are helping prevent “summer slide,” a phenomenon that shows children lose reading achievement when they do not read during summer break. Children who don’t read proficiently by third grade are four times more likely to leave high school without a diploma than proficient readers. Summer Reading programs encourage young children and families to read regularly. (Hernandez, Donald J. “Double Jeopardy: How Third-Grade Reading Skills and Poverty Influence High School Graduation.”)

Through your membership dues and generous donations, the Friends of the Palm Springs Library are able to partially sponsor Summer Reading Program. Another major sponsor this year is US Bank, for which we are very grateful.

We also continue to provide gift bags to newborn parents through our Born to Read Program. This month Healthy Beginnings, the group who works directly with these parents, gave out 75 of the gift bags.

Thank you for supporting the Palm Springs Public Library!



EVENTS

Jacque Wachs, Coordinator



Shooting a “selfie” at the Modernism event in January are Julie Warren, Mike Thompson, Barbara Stanford, Cathy Brant and Jacque Wachs. This was our most successful fundraising event ever, netting over \$8500. We thank former board member Mike and Director of Public Relations Julie for creating and organizing it. Thanks to the volunteers who made it an enjoyable experience:

Amanda Hamilton	Laura Miller
Barb Stanford	Lisa Brock
Bill Ohde	Marie Weigel
Bruce Maughan	Mike Mulcahy
Cathy Brant	Mike Thompson
Daniel Cox	Nanci Morrison
Don Yager	Penny Shaw
Donald Eigendorff	Robert Burkholder
Ginger Semple	Sammy Rafael
Jacque Wachs	Sandra Levinson
Jay Dunaway	Shara Cabrerros
Joy Wentz	Stephanie Austin

In February, our Annual Book Sale earned more money than in recent years. The volunteers were cheerful, helpful, and made the three-day event our most successful ever. Thanks to Book Sales Chair Richard Ellis and Volunteer Coordinator Laura Miller for their hard work. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped:

Amy Bahnson	Marie Weigel
Bruce Maughan	Marilyn McElroy
Carl Rudofsky	Mary Ann Kaestner
Cathy Brant	Milt Levinson
Charles Zimmer	Molly Colman
Chris Seidel	Rik Clark
Christine McCalla	Robert Collins
Craig Borba	Sammy Rafael
Dorothy Trethewey	Sandy Clark
Edith Balbach	Sara Carter
Ginger Semple	Sheila Weiner-Kahn
Jacque Wachs	Vaughn Simon
Nancy Valdivia	Nanci Morrison
Judith Egan	Wanda Thurman



In March, we held our Annual Meeting at the Los Compadres clubhouse. Local Desert Sun nature columnist Jim Cornett gave a very entertaining talk about “The Controversial Coyote.” Thanks to Chris Seidel, Wanda Turman and the Events Committee for organizing this event. An added surprise was the appearance of Mayor Robert Moon, who spoke briefly about how he plans to get the much-needed renovation of the Library moving through City Hall.



In April, our trip to the Huntington Library was beautiful. As our docent pointed out, this was the best time to see the roses and other wonderful gardens. Despite a drizzly day, everyone had a great time. All the docents were great, and since we went in groups of 8 or 9, everyone got the best experience of the vast grounds possible. Thanks to Milt Levinson for coordinating this event.



Upcoming Friends of the Palm Springs Library Events Information for next year

Modernism Week will be Feb. 16-26, 2017. Look for further information for a Friends of the Palm Springs Library Modernism Event.

The Annual Book Sale will be held Feb. 10, 11 & 12 at the Frey Building.

Our Annual Meeting will be held March 12, 2017, at Los Compadres. More information to follow.

Attention Friends: In November we will have a Member/Donor Appreciation VIP Cocktail Party to thank all of our Patron members (\$100 or above and our donors (\$100 or above). Look for the invitation in the fall!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Barbara Stanford, Vice President
and Membership Chair



Welcome to our New Members:

PATRON (\$100)

Dillon, Catherine, M.D.
Seidel, Chris
Shaw, Penelope
Thompson, Dr. Pankey

FAMILY (\$30)

Vu, Anthony
Wirth, Dorothy and Jim

INDIVIDUAL (\$20)

Barry, Douglas
Bennett, Sean
Bettinger, Thom
Chappell, Ron
Dahl, Gary
Dodds, David
Eisenberg, Eileen
Guerrero, Lupita
Harris, Mabel
Kelly, David
Kessler, Eric
Kristofferson, A.
Mikulic, Melanie
Olsen, Oliver
Rossberg, Patricia
Sloma, Peter
Wong, Polly
Yager, Don

Thank you for your Renewals at Patron Level and Above:

PATRON (\$100)

Borba, Drs. Craig and Michele
Ellis, Dick and Mary
Ellis, Richard and Lazarin, Mark
Futterer, Linda
Rafael, Sammy
Sleight, Alice
Thornton, Ralph



DESTINATION PSP

Our partnership with Destination PSP, a retail store downtown that offers merchandise for sale benefitting non-profit organizations, is beginning to pay off. Recently, the Friends received a check for nearly \$800, which represents items sold. They include the Frank Bogert book, glasses cases, and the new tote bags that we introduced at the Annual Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY:

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS (for a full list, please pick up a brochure in the Lobby or visit the Library website at <http://www.palmspringsca.gov/government/departments/library>.)

APRIL 2016

Wednesday, April 27th Family Fun Night Celebrates El Dia de los Niños/El día de los Libros/Day of the Child/Day of the Book! Featuring **Karen Rae Kraut presenting *Mariposa and Friends***. Following the performance celebrate at the reading fair; play games and win prizes! Plus, all youth that attend will receive a **FREE** book (while supplies last), a fun evening for families! The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

MAY 2016

Wednesday, May 4th Nature Lecture: *Meteors*. They come to Earth from other reaches of our Solar System. Presented by **Stephenie Slahor**, learn more about their origins and characteristics, and hear many interesting stories about meteors and meteorites. The lecture will begin at **6:30 p.m.** in The Learning Center (TLC).

Saturday, May 7th "Personal Names: Some Facts About Names That You May Need for Your Genealogy Research".

A presentation by the Palm Springs Genealogical Society with guest speaker **Vaughn Simon**. This **FREE** program will be from **10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in The Learning Center (TLC).

Wednesday, May 11th Films That Make You Go Hmmm... screening: *A Place At The Table*.

This film shows us how hunger poses serious economic, social and cultural implications for our nation, and that it could be solved once and for all, if the American public decides—as they have in the past—that making healthy food available and affordable is in the best interest of us all. It is a riveting journey that will forever change how you think about the hungry. The film will begin at **6:30 p.m.** in The Learning Center (TLC).

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE FRIENDS!

The Library Staff generously allows our Friends group the opportunity to address audiences at various Library events. However, since we are dependent upon volunteers from our Board to make these brief presentations, we are in need of additional volunteers from our Friends membership to attend and address audiences with a brief welcome and overview of our group, its goals and activities. Please contact us if you would like to help the Friends in this way. Our phone number is 760.688.8838.

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SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendars now, Summer Reading—READ FOR THE WIN begins on June 6th and continues through July 28th! There are great weekly programs and performers planned, the 5-book reading challenge for Youth and Teens and Book BINGO for Adults, plus weekly prize giveaways. The more you participate the more chances you will have to win great prizes including the GRAND PRIZE of a Microsoft Surface Pro 4 sponsored by the Friends of the Palm Springs Library and a BIKE sponsored by the Palm Springs Sustainability Commission.

UPCOMING BOOK SALES!

Primary Election Day - Tuesday June 7 - 9am-4pm
 Vote at the Library and then stop by our Election Bag Day Sale at the Frey Bldg. for a bag of books for your summer reading!

Nonfiction Book Sale—Wednesday, July 13 -Library Lobby noon-4pm

Donations Needed!

We are currently in need of donations of gently used children's books and any kind of nonfiction books, particularly biographies, cookbooks, and history books. These genres sell very quickly and our stock is running low. The Friends' donation bin is on the right as you enter the front door of the library. Thank you!