



FRIENDS of the SEASIDE LIBRARY

February 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

After having some extensive knee surgery on Nov 15th, I found myself recovering in bed at home over the Holidays. I had time to do something I often wished for. Time to catch up on my reading! I had two months and still did not get caught up but I did make a good dent on my have-to-read list! I do not, however, recommend such extreme measures in order to find the time. Special thanks to Lois and Sandra for taking care of things while I was out of commission. Recuperating was much easier knowing that they were taking care of business.

As February is Library Lovers' Month, here are a few ideas for you to show your support. First, give your gift of membership to the Friends. Volunteer to work at the Library by becoming a literacy tutor. Have your children donate their gently used books to those less fortunate. Promote the Seaside Library by telling people about our knowledgeable and friendly staff. Also, consider remembering the Seaside Library in your estate planning.

We are still looking for someone to help with finding and scheduling monthly guest speakers. If you feel you may have a few hours a month to help out, please call me at 394-3577. It would be greatly appreciated.

When you talk to a friend or neighbor about the Seaside Library and the wonderful services that are offered, ask them to join the Friends.

Working Together We Do Make A Difference!
Nancy M. Amos

*Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to
stay where we are.*
Mason Cooley, American aphorist

Election of Officers

The election of officers for the year 3/01/08 to 2/28/09 will take place at our general meeting on Wednesday, February 20. The slate to be presented by the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President	Nancy Amos
Vice President	Lita DuBose
Secretary	Sandra Weaver
Treasurer	Alicia O'Neill
Member-at-large	Lois Breida

The Friends will also accept nominations for any of the offices from the general membership at this meeting.

Nominating Committee --

Crista Cannariato, Kathie Decker, and Alicia O'Neill



Membership Highlights

Members renewing since November: Bruce Albright, Dorothy Briggs, Karen and Michael Corcoran, Carole Dawson, Lolita DuBose, Stefani Mistretta, Jeannette Pacheco and Bernadette Trinidad.

Special thanks to: Supporters Victor and Nancy Critchlow and Sustainer Judy Parsons

Thank you all for being a part of F.O.S.L.
Lolita DuBose, Membership Chair



Librarian's Message

I am excited to introduce a new service Monterey County Free Libraries are offering to encourage the development and growth of area book clubs. In honor of Library Lovers' Month this February, the Library is presenting cardholders with everything they need for a successful book club! Our new **Book Club To Go** program offers convenient, sturdy tote bags filled with ten books, discussion questions, discussion leader tips, and a sign-out sheet to keep track of the materials. Bags can be checked out for a period of 6 weeks, with one renewal, provided there are not holds. **Book Club To Go** reading selections feature fiction and non-fiction titles chosen to stimulate lively group discussion. Book lovers can choose from a large variety of English, bilingual English/Spanish, and Spanish selections for adults and/or teens. We encourage suggestions from the public for additional titles to add to this new collection. For information about titles, book club resources, and/or to reserve a **Book Club To Go** bag, please visit: montereycountyfreelibraries.org/bookclubtogo or call Beata Obydzinski, our **Book Club to Go** Coordinator, at (831) 899-2055.

On Thursday, February 21st, from 6:15-7:45 pm, the public is invited to attend a free workshop on "Proposal Writing Basics". The presenter will be Scott Ullman, Regional Training Coordinator, Foundation Center in San Francisco. The workshop will cover the key components of a proposal to a foundation or corporation, as well as who should sign a grant request, how proposals should be packaged, whether it is appropriate to contact a funder if your proposal is turned down, and where you can find more information on proposal writing, including sample proposals. Reservations are required. Please call 899-2055 for reservations or for additional information.

This spring is gearing up to be an exciting time at the Seaside Branch Library. Fun and educational programs for adults, children and teens are planned.

On Saturday, February 23rd, from 1-2 pm, teens can get a head start on school projects and college with the Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) and the Lyceum of Monterey County. Workshop attendees will learn cutting edge techniques in how to obtain the most current

information for history fair papers and exhibits, science fair projects, book reports, Mathletics preparation, and more. To register, please call the Lyceum 372-6098. For information about the class, please call Ruth Paget, MCFL's Youth Services Librarian, at 883-7542.

On March 7th we will begin our new weekly baby storytime program! Join Librarian Lori Chan on Friday mornings at 11 am in songs, stories, and movement activities for parents and their children, from birth to toddler age.

For the second year, Monterey County Free Libraries is partnering with the National Steinbeck Center to participate in The Big Read. Join us Saturday, March 22nd at 1:30 pm for a discussion of Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury, accompanied by a dramatization of scenes from the novel.

Monterey County Free Libraries is partnering with the Peninsula Parks to offer several events for both children and teens. On April 1st, May 17th, and June 3rd, children ages 7-11 can "Bee at the Party," enjoying a nature walk that begins outdoors in Laguna Grande Park and ends with crafts and stories at the Seaside Branch Library. On May 1st, Teens ages 12-18 can find out "What's Bugging You?", getting inspired through nature in Laguna Grande Park and contributing to a group poem on metamorphosis at the Library. To register for these free events please call Monterey County Free Libraries Youth Services department at 883-7543.

The Seaside Branch now has a wonderful new standalone indoor book return, thanks to the generous donation of the Friends of the Seaside Library. Patrons wishing to drop off materials will no longer have to wait at the Circulation Desk for an opening to return their books. The Friends of the Library also gave us a wonderful valentine, providing a delicious breakfast for library staff on Tuesday, February 12th. Thank you so much for your support!

See you @ the library!

Crista Cannariato, Principal Librarian



Friends of the Seaside Library invite you to join us on Wednesday, February 20, at 7 pm in the Homework Center for our annual business meeting. Enjoy light refreshments, hear from the Librarian, and learn how you can become involved. All are welcome!

65 Reasons to



1. Get expert help with Internet.
2. Use the library's computers free of charge.
3. Keep up with the news and trends through newspapers and magazines.
4. Check out the latest bestsellers.
5. Prepare to tackle home improvement projects with how-to books and DVDs.
6. Borrow CDs and books before you buy them.
7. Enjoy comfortable, safe study areas.
8. Find biographies of the great and the average.
9. Research your health concerns.
10. Explore science, history and the world.
11. Use consumer research print and websites to find best buys on what you want and need.
12. Learn how to invest in an IRA.
13. Investigate the best schools and colleges for yourself and your children.
14. Enjoy story time with your child.
15. Participate in a book club.
16. Seek and find that rich uncle you never knew about in our genealogy department.
17. Get tips on investing your inheritance now that you have found your rich Uncle Harry.
18. Learn to care for your iguana –or other pet.
19. Track stocks or mutual funds.
20. Enjoy book talks for teens or adults.
21. Get help with your science fair projects and term papers.
22. Find the movie of the book you enjoyed –and vice versa!
23. Take a continuing education class.
24. Teach someone how to read.
25. Relish the helpful assistance of librarians and volunteers who enjoy assisting you and others.
26. Research your local history. Maybe you'll find out where the skeletons are buried in your town.
27. Learn another language.
28. Ask your library to arrange a loan of a book or other resource from another library.
29. Locate back issues of magazines and newspapers.
30. Look for the print or electronic book or magazine your spouse threw away in your library.
31. Catch up on the classics.
32. Find selected foreign language books –*libros del idioma extranjero*.
33. Save money by borrowing your library's collections of books, DVD's, audio books, etc. rather than buying them.
34. Join in community-wide affairs.
35. Enjoy good air conditioning when it's hot and snuggly warmth when it is cold.
36. Plan a vacation anywhere from Argentina to Zanzibar.
37. Discover a love poem for your significant other.
38. Take a practice test for becoming a policeman, fireman, graduate student, citizen . . .
39. Find out what else happened on the day you were born.
40. Learn why all the fish died in your aquarium and how to train your puppy.
41. Get help on preparing your will, trust, etc.
42. Learn how to write a good letter of resignation and a new resume.
43. Check out a couple of great books on tape that the whole family can enjoy on the drive to Grandma's and other distant places.
44. Find out how to replace your lost birth certificate.
45. Check your e-mail with our free Internet access.
46. Get the lyrics or the CD of that old song you heard on the radio 37 years ago.
47. Obtain forms for federal financial aid.
48. Learn about how to obtain a U.S. patent or trademark.
49. Find out where to obtain free government publications.
50. Learn how to secure a copyright and get the forms, too.
51. Get your IRS forms online or at your library.
52. Find federal statistics on everything from cell phones to Internet use in the U.S. and world.
53. Get solid medical information from sources such as MEDLINE.
54. Use our easy access website to find links to free subscriptions to online resources and databases.
55. Find the correct temperature to cook your Thanksgiving turkey.
56. Return books to any branch library in your library system.
57. Research ideas for statewide history day, Women's History Month, Black History Month, Children's Library Week and more months, weeks and days of note.
58. Turn in a list of books and other materials that you would like to see the library acquire.
59. Check out the best books to read to your children.
60. Suggest improvements to your library and know your suggestions will be appreciated.
61. Help your library by volunteering, participating in the Friends group, assisting with special projects. Your investment in time and ideas will pay off big time to your community and to yourself.
62. Read the latest comic books before they become movies.
63. Use the convenient outside book drop when the library is closed.
64. See original works of art on display.
65. Check your library account online.

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