



February – April 2015

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Library Lovers –

In 2015 we will honor and celebrate a year of milestone anniversaries

- 85 years ago library service to the Seaside community began
- 40 years ago the Seaside branch of Monterey County Free Libraries moved to its current home in the Gordon R. Forrest Memorial Library building
- 35 years ago Friends of the Seaside Library was incorporated as a public benefit nonprofit.

We have kicked off the festivities with **a new Friends logo** premiering in this Newsletter, designed by our own children’s book author and storyteller extraordinaire, Carol Diggory Shields. You can view it and our Newsletters in color on our website, www.thefriendsofseasidelibrary.org. Soon we will have some fun and practical logo items available for purchase, with proceeds supporting the Library as always. Look for mugs, a smaller tote bag, a UBS thumb drive, and a stuffed animal. Later in the year we are planning more special activities leading up to a celebration for the community at the Library on Saturday, November 7.

MYO Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser
Coming this spring, MYO Frozen Yogurt will sponsor a fundraiser for the Library when its Seaside location opens on Broadway Avenue near Fremont Blvd. Look for the date to be posted in the Library, and if we have your email address, we will notify you directly.

Save the Date
Saturday, November 7, 2015
Celebration of 85th Anniversary of Library Service to Seaside
and
40th Anniversary of Gordon R Forrest Memorial Library Building

February
Celebrate Library Lovers’ Month

- ❖ Our annual staff appreciation luncheon on February 10 is an opportunity to thank those who work and volunteer in the Seaside Library for their outstanding service. These individuals are the heart of our Library, our friends, our resource gurus, good read recommenders, and much more.
- ❖ Our Food for Thought Book Club marks its 10th anniversary on February 14.
- ❖ At the annual meeting on February 18, Members will elect our officers for the coming fiscal year and receive updates on our activities and finances.

Most importantly, **February is Membership month**, when we ask you to pledge your commitment to our Library. Membership is very affordable at \$5 for students & seniors, \$10 for individuals, and \$20 for families. No meetings are required!

I wish you all a festive Library Lovers Month and spring season.
-Sandra Weaver

The **election of officers** for the year (3/01/2015 to 2/29/2016) will take place at our *General Membership meeting* on Wednesday, February 18-see slate below. Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting.

President	Sandra Weaver
Vice President	Michael Wildgoose
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Lita DuBose
Members-at-Large	Alicia O’Neill
	Leslie Simon

FLOWER POWER FUNDRAISER



Flower Power is our spring fundraiser which will run from January through May. All of the plants currently being sold are to be planted in the spring, yielding lovely summer and fall blooms. All orders placed for the spring season will be shipped from early April through May, depending on when your order is submitted.

For more information call (831) 647-9317

Volunteer Profile

LOIS BREIDA



The next time you walk in the front door of the library take a minute to stop and check out the books for sale on the lobby book shelves.

Volunteer Lois Breida has been coordinating the book sale shelves for the past ten years, ever since she was first approached and asked to help out in that area.

Thanks to Lois and volunteers Chris, Diane, Jacob and Michael, you can always find something interesting to read in a variety of genres among the donated books. You can also find a DVD or two. And at a great price.

Lois' lifelong roots as a lover of books start back in a small town in Missouri where she grew up reading her dad's old school books and his collection of Zane Grey. The family later moved to San Diego and after high school Lois enrolled at San Diego State. She eventually moved to Monterey and later earned her degree in English at San Jose State.

Lois is no stranger to the Seaside library. She was employed there and at the Castroville Library for several years as a library assistant. After she retired she later returned as a temp and worked at various branches of the Monterey County Free Libraries. She has been a member of the Friends since the 1980's and is a charter member of the Friends' sponsored *Food for Thought* book club that will celebrate its 10th anniversary in February.

She enjoys spending time with her three sons and two granddaughters. She has passed along her love of books to the girls, keeping them supplied with reading material. She still enjoys Western's and recently read a book of Longmire short stories by Craig Johnson. She is also a fan of Michael Connelly and Jojo Moyes and is currently reading *Amnesia* by Peter Carey. Her favorite book for 2014 was *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Her two all-time favorite books are *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Wuthering Heights*.

If you too share a fondness for books, have a couple of hours a week to spare, and would like to volunteer in book sales, please call the library at **899-2055**.

-Donna Galletti



Librarian's Message

Hello, Friends,
As former Friends' President Nancy Amos likes to say: "Together we can make a difference!" Even though we're settling into 2015 already, let's take a quick glance back for a snapshot of what we accomplished together in 2014:

- ✓ Library Visitors: 152,452
- ✓ Checkouts: 114,869
- ✓ Story time Participants: 1,810
- ✓ TweenTime Participants: 351
- ✓ Lego Participants: 142
- ✓ Class Visitors: 260
- ✓ Computer Class Participants: 29
- ✓ Food for Thought Book Club Participants: 76
- ✓ Adult Literacy Tutor & Learner Meetups: 1,374
- ✓ Volunteers: 104 (volunteering 496 hours)
- ✓ Read to a Dog Participants: 45
- ✓ Saturday Matinee Attendees: 167
- ✓ Toddler Playgroup Participants: 100
- ✓ Reference Questions Answers: 23,625
- ✓ Homework Center Attendees: 3,348
- ✓ Summer Readers: 272
- ✓ Summer Reading Program Attendees: 572
- ✓ Grant Awards: \$5,000

....and counting.

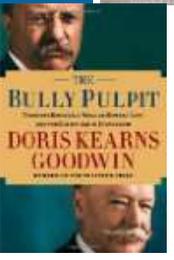
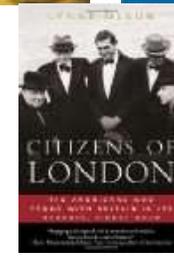
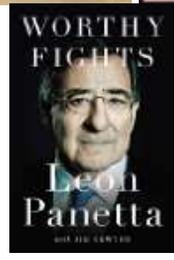
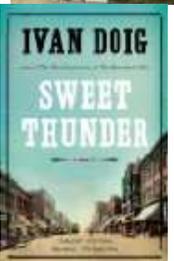
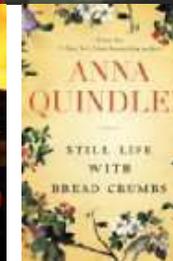
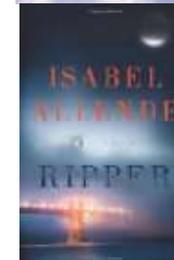
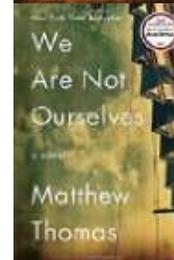
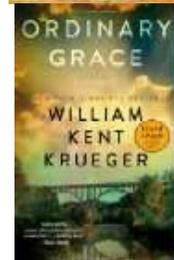
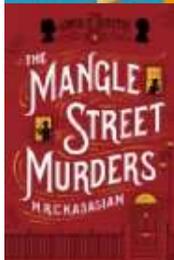
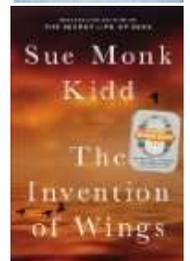
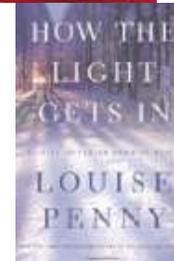
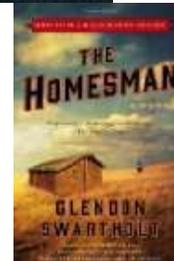
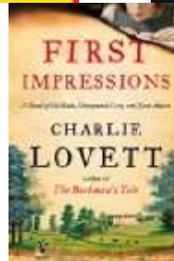
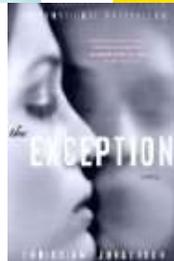
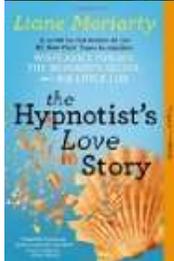
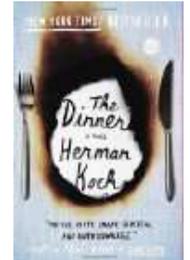
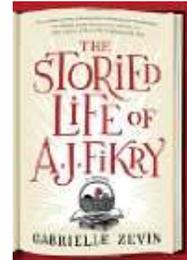
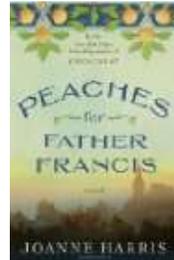
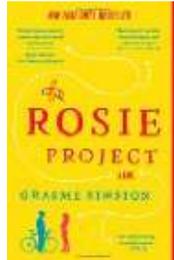
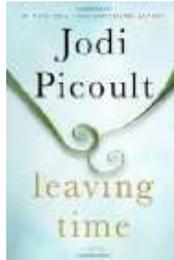
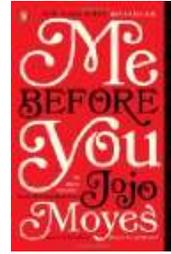
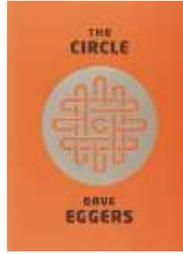
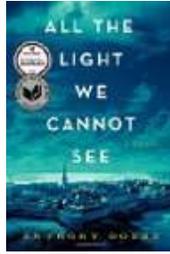
There's much to look forward to as 2015 progresses. We'll be offering new programs and maintaining current favorites like TweenTime, Saturday Matinee, and Legos. We'll have a Summer Reading Program that is exciting and fresh with all new performers. Renovations will be underway (hopefully) and the branch will be looking spiffier than ever. We are always in need of donations to update our book & materials collections and to purchase new furniture to update the branch. Please keep us in mind. Let's continue making a difference in this wonderful community of library lovers!

Sharon Coronado
Librarian III

Celebrate

The 10th anniversary of the "*Food for Thought*" Book Club, sponsored by the Friends of the Seaside Library, will be celebrated on Saturday, February 14th. Please join us. See Page 3 for a list of the members' favorite books of 2014.

**Friends of the Seaside Library
 "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" Book Club
 Members' favorite books in 2014**



**Saturdays from 1:30pm to 3pm
 At the Seaside Branch Library**

**Next Meetings are:
 February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9**

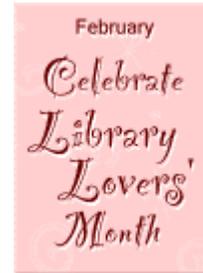
Mission Statement:

The Friends of the Seaside Library, because we value its rich services, support the Seaside Library in meeting the current and future needs of our community, by providing advocacy, funding, resources, and volunteers.

Newsletter published quarterly by **Friends of the Seaside Library**

www.thefriendsofseasidelibrary.org

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation.



FRIENDS of the SEASIDE LIBRARY
550 HARCOURT AVENUE
SEASIDE, CA 93955



TO

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

**Wednesday
February 18, 2015**

**7 p.m.
Seaside Library
Homework Center**