



FRIENDS of the SEASIDE LIBRARY

May 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I must begin by thanking Sandra Weaver for taking over the role of President last year. I appreciated her bringing fresh ideas to us and using her special skills to reorganize our paperwork. Sandra is now serving as our Secretary. Lois Breida has taken over the position of Treasurer and Alicia O'Neill is now our Member-at-Large. Stefani Mistretta will remain as Vice President and Lita DuBose will continue as our Membership chairperson. Deborah Sierra is now our Fundraising chairperson. I also thank Kathie Decker for serving the past three years as our Secretary.

Welcome aboard to Crista Cannariato, Principal Librarian. Crista has jumped in with both feet and is a wonderful addition to the Seaside Branch.

I am pleased to once again be serving as your President.

Look for some changes coming to the Homework Center in the near future. We will be having the room painted, organized, and will have new flooring installed. It will be a room we can all be proud of.

Working Together, We DO Make A Difference
Nancy M. Amos

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.*

Friends' Monthly Saturday Speaker Series

The Friends frequently sponsor speakers on Saturday afternoons at the Library. Look for our announcements posted at the circulation counter. You can also receive notification of our events by e-mail. Let us know if there is a topic or speaker you'd like to suggest. (smistretta@redshift.com)

Recent Speakers:

March 31

Successful Gardening

Writer & photographer Sandra Ladendorf

April 28

Conquer the Clutter & Make Room for Life

Professional Organizer Meg Kaminski

Upcoming Speakers:

May 19

Seaside History Project Community Update

Writer & historian Carol McKibben, PhD

June 16

A Call for Action, A Turnaround in the Black Community

Writer & activist Bedford (Brad) Vaughn

All events begin at 1 pm. Light refreshments are provided. Please join us!



"Libraries are my passion in life. Before I became mayor, I used to sneak out here during lunch time...and I'd go to a corner and take a book – any book almost – and read it for a while, and then feel rejuvenated."

Richard Riordan, former Mayor Los Angeles



Get a Clue About Summer Reading 2007!

Summer is fast nearing and plans for another exciting Summer Reading Program are underway. Seaside families are invited to participate in this year's program, which focuses on detective work, scientific questions, historical mysteries, and the unexplained. "Get a Clue @ Your Library" is the name of the children's program and "YNK @ Your Library" is the name of the teen program. (YNK is instant messaging-speak for "You Never Know.") Summer Reading begins the second week of June and will run until the third week of July. As always, children and teens will receive fun incentives for reading.

The Monterey County Free Libraries encourage families to attend the free weekly performances at the Seaside Branch, Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm. This summer's performers include:

- Brian Scott - June 14th - a mysterious magician
- Bob Kanegis - June 21st - a storyteller with many "who did it?" tales
- Joe Leon / Caterpillar Puppets - June 28th - a bilingual puppeteer presenting the Aztec Pinocchio show
- Peter Brizzi/ P & T Puppets - July 5th - a puppeteer using stories such as the Three Little Pigs to entertain children and adults alike
- Juan Sanchez - July 12th - a bilingual musician and storyteller
- Bill Nemoyn - "The Horn Man" - July 19th - an extravaganza of horn playing from around the world, including a 17-foot alpine horn and a conch shell from the South Seas.

Programs for teens are in the process of being finalized. For further information about the programs, please call the Seaside Branch at (831) 899-2055 or call our Youth Services Department at (831) 796 - 6022.

See you @ the library!

Crista Cannariato, Principal Librarian

Membership Highlights

We are pleased to have the support of these members renewing since our February newsletter: Karen Albertus, Bruce Albright, Helen Arroyo, Stephanie Booth, John & Jacquelyn Callaghan, Alice Drier, Germaine Fiske, Donna Jett, Dwight & Susan Marshall, Yoshiko Matsushita-Arao, Gloria Russell and Leslie Simon.

And, very special thanks to our Supporter members: Nancy Amos, Francoise Avery, Lois Breida, Francine Morris, Alicia O'Neill, William Rawson & Judith Sulsona and P.K. Sewald.

If you would like to receive emails about upcoming events please email me so I can put you in our system.

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Thank you for your support of The Friends
Lolita DuBose, Membership Chair

Friends Launch Website

After a few years of planning a website, choosing a site designer, developing the materials, a couple of false starts, a designer change, and a project manager who came on board to pull loose ends together, we finally have a website for the Friends of Seaside Library. You may access it at:

<http://www.thefriendsofseasidelibrary.org>.

It's attractive and easy to navigate, with links on every page that identify the different topical pages. You may move around the site as you desire. *

Notice the classic paintings that are embedded on the different pages. All of the subjects of this art have a connection to books, writing, libraries, or reading. For example, on the home page, Rembrandt's "woman reading" (*Portrait of an old woman reading*) is a testament to literacy. Women back in his day, in the 17th century, were usually illiterate. It is said that the model was his own mother.

We're happy that designer Belle Smith of ComputerSmiths came on board early this year to take over and make workable the design, along with Alan Reade, an online projects manager and consultant (<http://www.textengine.net>), who coordinated all the text and subject changes and brought this wonderful website to its conclusion.

We will be updating it periodically as seasonal changes demand. Enjoy your experience with us.

Website, continued

* NOTE: If you find that your monitor displays the website such that it runs off the screen and looks imbalanced, it could be that your "display" settings are too small. The only thing you have to do is go to your CONTROL PANEL and double-click on the DISPLAY icon. You'll notice on the top menu bar that you have five different items to choose from. Select SETTINGS. Then you will see the SCREEN RESOLUTION area. Move the little arrow toward the right to 1024. This is a normal monitor display setting and our website is arranged accordingly. This should fix the problem.



The Monterey County Free Libraries system offers a subscription to **Grolier Online** published by Scholastic Library Publishing, Inc. It includes seven encyclopedia databases:

Encyclopedia Americana
Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia
The New Book of Knowledge
La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre
America the Beautiful
Lands and Peoples
The New Book of Popular Science

The databases aim at helping students with research, as well as with providing teachers and librarians the important teaching and research tools needed for their classrooms and media centers. And, because the research needs of younger students differ dramatically from older, more sophisticated students and adults, two distinct and unique research environments are available: **Grolier Online Passport** for older students and adults, and **Grolier Online Kids** for younger students.

Some new features worth mentioning:

GO Tutorial (identical in GO Kids and GO Passport): Located at the upper left-hand side of the home page, this tool provides a good, basic, 10-minute introduction to Grolier Online's features and homepages/environments.

Find it Fast! The Grolier Online search box: Located at the top center of the Grolier Online Passport homepage, as well as on all subsequent pages, this powerful new search feature enables the user to search encyclopedia articles, magazines, websites, and media simultaneously, by simply entering a search term or terms and clicking GO. "More like this" will appear beneath the entry for each encyclopedia article returned

Yellow Brick Road Gives Grant

Friends of the Seaside Library gratefully thank The Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop for its recent unrestricted donation of \$1000. As always, we will use the funds in support of the Library's most needed materials and services.

Yellow Brick Road is a Mission Outreach Program of Carmel Presbyterian Church. The mission of the shop is to receive, sort, price, and sell donated items and then return all net proceeds of these sales to the community in the form of grants to nonprofit organizations. You can help support Yellow Brick Road by donating clean, gently used, or new items for resale or by volunteering at the shop. Phone 626-8480 for more information.

. Clicking this link will cause the search engine to return a new set of search results, namely items that are similar to the result that was selected. "Did You Mean?" will appear on the search results page when few or no search results are found for any given search.

GO Atlas: This is an interactive, educational atlas that can be used in several different ways. First, the user may browse through geopolitical maps, "drilling down" until they eventually reach articles relating to countries, states, cities, bodies of water, etc., as well as to photos of many points of interest (indicated via a photo icon on a map). The user may also navigate between map types, moving from geopolitical to thematic, historical, and exploration (where these exist) and may now search maps for specific locations. Longitude and latitude information is also available for all major cities, as is a distance calculator, which provides mileage calculations (as the crow flies).

Feature Showcase: Feature Showcase is a new multimedia-rich interactive learning module with links to related encyclopedia resources. These visually enhanced modules include interesting text, photos, videos, and quizzes, which are great for classroom use, as well as self-guided explorations by students.

For Educators: The goal of this feature is to create a centralized area where educators can find professional development resources, as well as tools to help them better utilize Grolier Online in the classroom, library, and media center. For Educators includes a collection of lesson plans organized and searchable by grade or subject, each correlated to National Curriculum Standards.

The database is available from the MCFL website. Go to the Reference & Databases link and look for Grolier Online. Home access requires your MCFL card number and PIN.