



FRIENDS of the SEASIDE LIBRARY

August 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I am very excited to announce our upcoming 4th Annual Benefit Concert to be held on Saturday, September 29th, 2007, from 7 to 9:30 pm. This year, our concert will feature Bob Phillips on the keyboard, George Young on the saxophone, and Erin Gray as the vocalist. All three are very talented and well known here on the Monterey Peninsula. Our benefit concert will once again be held at the Monterey Pines Golf Course clubhouse, located behind the Monterey County Fairgrounds.

Tickets are available by calling me at 394-3577 or you may purchase them at the Seaside Library. Friends Members may sign out tickets to sell to their friends and neighbors. Tickets are \$20 and include one free raffle ticket, soft drinks and snacks. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Additional raffle tickets will be available as well as a silent auction table at the event.

This will be a fun-filled musical evening open to those 18 and over please. Seating is limited, so guarantee yours with an early ticket purchase.

Friends Members, a special prize will be awarded to the one who sells the most tickets! We can also use your help getting raffle and silent auction items donated. If you would like to help, or to donate something, please call me at 394-3577.

Please take the time to ask a friend or neighbor to join us.

Working Together We DO Make A Difference!

Nancy M. Amos

Next quarterly Membership Meeting is
Wednesday, August 15, 7pm

Friends' Monthly Saturday Speaker Series

Upcoming Speakers:

August 25

Shepherds of Pan on the Big Sur-Monterey Coast -
The Nature Wisdom of Robert Louis Stevenson,
Gertrude Atherton, Jack London, Robinson
Jeffers, Eric Baker, John Steinbeck, D.H.
Lawrence, Henry Miller, and others

Book signing and discussion by journalist and
Humanities Professor Elayne Wareing Fitzpatrick

October 20

Embodied Wisdom: What Our Anatomy Can Teach
Us About the Art of Living

Book signing and discussion by occupational
therapist and author Joy Colangelo

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

*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)*

Upcoming Benefit Concert Mark your calendar!



Buy your ticket now and mark this date on your
calendar:

Saturday, September 29th, 2007



We have just reached the end of another successful Summer Reading Program. At the Seaside branch alone, 258 children and young adults signed up for the program, with attendance around 100 or more at each of our weekly performances. We are grateful to the Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries for providing most of the funding for this popular event. As the last week of the program coincided with another big event—the release of the seventh and final installment in the Harry Potter series—we raffled off a copy of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* to one lucky library patron.

For those of you who are now going through Harry withdrawals, or for anyone looking for some new reading material, we would like to share some of the resources we find helpful in searching for new (and old!) books. Of course, the library staff is always happy to offer suggestions, but we realize many of our patrons like to explore the publishing world for new ideas themselves.

The library subscribes to two advisory databases that you can use from the comfort of your home. "Novelist" and "What Do I Read Next?" are both listed in the Literature section of the databases available on our website. Both databases will let you search by genre, author, time period, reading level, etc. Try them out—you will be amazed at the new authors and books you will discover!

Many of you are already familiar with the online site Amazon (www.amazon.com), which gives you ways to look for books similar to the ones you have just selected, or lets you read professional reviews and those written by other Amazon customers. Barnes & Noble (www.barnesandnoble.com) and many other online booksellers offer similar services. If you are looking beyond the simply popular, Abe Books is a good choice (www.abebooks.com).

There are many free online sources to get suggestions for new books. Seattle Librarian Nancy Pearl, of "Book Lust" fame, has a great website (booklust.wetpaint.com) with recommendations for adults, children, books on Christian themes, etc.

There are many similar sites for book clubs also. A very popular one is the Book Movement site which also gives you opportunities to win books for your club (www.bookmovement.com).

If you find something you like at one of these sites and don't want to spend the money on purchasing it, just visit the Seaside Branch, call 899-2055, or go to our website (www.montereycountyfreelibraries.org) and request the title.

One of our most popular resources for Spanish-speakers interested in improving their English is a set of DVDs and books entitled *Ingles Sin Barreras*. Thanks to the generous donation of our Friends of the Seaside Library, we now have two sets belonging to the Seaside branch. In order to provide as much access to this valuable tool as possible, one of these sets is Library-Use-Only. That way, we will have a copy on hand to lend out to our patrons for use within the branch on our computers. Interested? Ask for it at the Reference Desk.

See you @ the library!

Crista Cannariato, Principal Librarian

Spotlight: Friends Fundraising

The past few months have been an exciting time for the Fundraising Committee and the following is a short list of what we have been up to.

In May we had a fundraiser with Weekenders. For those of you who are not familiar with Weekenders, it is a line of comfortable, lightweight clothing that is sold through home parties. We had a very successful event and hope to have another in the near future.

On July 8th the Friends had a booth at the Sunday Blues in the Park here in Seaside, which was a great success. We will be out there again on Sunday, August 12th, so be sure to come out and see us.

On September 29th, we will have our annual Fall Fundraiser. Check out Nancy's message in this Newsletter for more information on that event.

If you are in the Library during August and September, stop by the showcases and see what we have to offer. Don't forget to swing by the front desk and check out our canvas book bags and coffee mugs available for purchase.

Hope to see you at one of our events!
Deborah Sierra, Fundraising Chair

Membership Highlights

Welcome to our new members since the May Newsletter:

Crista Cannariato, Lynda Giammanco, Patricia Lintell, Melissa Newlin, Saul Ramos, Jr., and Pat Rosburg.

Renewing members are:

Dorothy Briggs, Michael Wildgoose and Janie Miller, Rachelle Onishi, Jeannette Pacheco, Diana Seay, Laurie Shaffi and Deborah Sierra.

A special thank you to Marjorie Love, a Sustainer member, and to our Supporter members T. Jill Anderson, Cath Tendler-Valencia and Sandra Weaver.

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



In hard times, libraries are more important than ever. Human beings need what books give them better than any other medium. Since ancient nights around prehistoric campfires, we have needed myth. And heroes. And moral tales. And information about the world beyond the nearest mountains or oceans.

Today, with books and movies more expensive than ever, and television entertainment in free fall to the lowest level of stupidity, free circulating books are an absolute necessity. They are quite simply another kind of food. We imagine, and then we live.

For those without money, the road to the treasure house of the imagination begins at the public library.

Columnist Pete Hamill, New York Daily News



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What We Know About Early Literacy

Early literacy (reading and writing) does not mean early reading instruction or teaching babies to read; it is the natural development of skills through the enjoyment of books, the importance of positive interactions between babies and parents, and the critical role of literacy-rich experiences.

Literacy development begins at birth and is closely linked to a baby's earliest experiences with books and stories. Babies learn language through social literacy experiences - parents interacting with them using books. These experiences also serve to associate books with parental affection, attention, and approval.

Read to Succeed!

A study of three to five year olds who had been read to at least three times per week found the children:

- Two times more likely to recognize all letters.
- Two times more likely to have word-sight recognition.
- Two times more likely to understand words in context.

The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study found that 62% of parents with a high socioeconomic status read to their children every day compared to only 36% of parents with a low socioeconomic status.

Source: National Institute for Family Literacy
<http://www.nifl.gov/nifl/facts/parental.html>

ed. note:

The link below to the Telecollaborative Project provides a compilation of research, strategies, and resources for teachers and parents.

<http://www.earlyliterature.ecsd.net/>