



FRIENDS of the SEASIDE LIBRARY

August 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I have exciting news for the Friends!

Our 5th Annual Fall Fundraiser will be held on Saturday evening, October 4th at the Monterey Moose Lodge in Del Rey Oaks. Save the date! Bob Phillips on keyboard, George Young plays the saxophone, and vocalist Erin Gray will be entertaining us again this year with jazz, blues, ballads, Dixieland, and standards. The Moose Lodge will supply plenty of elbowroom, a dance floor and ample parking. We will have a silent auction table and raffle prizes. More details and tickets will be available soon at the Seaside Library. If you would like to make a donation for our raffle or silent auction please contact me at 394-3577. Feel free to leave me a message on my machine and I will call you back.

Have you noticed how nice the outside of the Seaside Library is looking? A great big Thank You to Seaside City Manager Ray Corpuz and Diana Ingersoll for having the outside of the Library painted. It is amazing what a good coat of paint will do!

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

Working Together We DO Make A Difference!

Nancy M. Amos

BOOK CLUB CORNER

Friends of the Seaside Library "**Food for Thought**" Book Club meets once a month on *Saturdays from 1 pm to 2:30 pm* at the Seaside Branch Library. Come and tell us about your favorite books. No preparation required, no commitment expected. Everybody is invited. Next meetings: **September 6, October 4, November 1, December 13**

Upcoming Library Benefit Concert Mark your calendar!



Fifth Annual Concert to benefit the Seaside
Library
Saturday, October 4, 2008

Entertainment by Bob Phillips, George Young,
& Erin Gray
Silent auction and door prizes
New venue with this year with dance floor!

Look for ticket information soon at the Library.

Membership Highlights

Our Members renewing since May:

Jayanti Addleman, Lynda Giammanco, Frances Shaffi,
and Diana Seay

Thanks to our Supporters:

Jill Anderson, Lois Breida, Francine Morris, and
Cath Tendler-Valencia

Special Thanks to our Sustainer:

Marjorie Love

Thank you all for being a part of
Friends of the Seaside Library
Lolita DuBose, Membership Chair



Librarian's Message

CREATED EQUAL GRANT

In April, Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) received a grant promoting the concept of "Created Equal." Seventeen branches of MCFL were among the 3,000 libraries selected to receive the **We the People "Created Equal" Bookshelf** sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant gives us the opportunity to promote discussion in our library and community about this fundamental value, its role in American history, and Abraham Lincoln's contributions to our understanding of human equality. To launch the grant, we had a big event in Marina Branch on May 9th with a representative from Congressman Sam Farr's office and Newbery Award winning, local author Paul Fleischman. Fleischman spoke about his book, Saturnalia, which is one of the books in the grant award. Next time you visit our library, please enjoy the display featuring the "Created Equal" collection and look for the flyer advertising the story telling event we will host in the fall.

LOCAL POETRY ON THE WEBSITE

As a response to our call to celebrate **National Poetry Month** in April, we received many poems written by our patrons of all ages, including several Seaside residents. Throughout the month of July, we had a special link on our Library website featuring those poems, along with the winners of the 2008 Kids Cowboy and Cowgirl Poetry Contest sponsored by the Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries and the California Rodeo Salinas.

"CATCHING THE READING BUG"

The **Summer Reading Program** for kids featuring nature and insects was a big success this year. Over 300 children and teens from Seaside signed up for the program and were coming weekly to collect the gifts as rewards for reading and also to participate in the programs. Every Thursday from

June 26th till July 31st at 1pm, we had a variety of programs featuring Japanese folklore storytelling by Megumi, body percussion and dance by Crosspulse Rhythm Duo, magician and comedian Brian Scott, P&T Puppets featuring Aesop's fables, Ikuyo Conant Taiko Drumming, and Boswick the Clown. Especially for teens, we had programs featuring magician Norman Ng and a scrap-booking workshop.

FOUNDATION FOR MCFL AUTHOR DINNER

Mark your calendars! The Foundation for **Monterey County Free Libraries 14th annual Author's Dinner** will be on September 4th at the Embassy Suites in Seaside. The featured author will be Michael Ramsdell, the author of A Train to Potevka. He was an American spy in Russia, whose everyday life was filled with intrigue, escape, and second chances - the stuff of a good thriller. The Author's Dinner is the Foundation's major fundraising event and includes silent and live auctions and the raffle of a vacation getaway. KSBW public affairs manager Theresa Wright will be master of ceremonies, while Pete DeVries will serve as auctioneer. The dinner will be held at the Embassy Suites. No-host cocktails and the silent auction start at 5:30 pm, and dinner is at 7:00 pm. Tickets for the dinner are \$125 per person. More information is available by contacting the Foundation at 831-424-3564 or on their website: <http://www.fmcfll.org/dinner.htm>.



Welcome to Our New Seaside Principal Librarian!

I am pleased to announce that Sharon Freed will be the Principal Librarian at the Seaside Branch Library starting on August 4. Sharon completed her MLS degree from the University of Pittsburgh, was the Head of Circulation at Monterey Peninsula College, and has held positions in the Library at Community College of Allegheny County, PA and as a bookstore manager.

Mary Housel, Managing Librarian, MCFL

Broadway Urban Village Plan includes New Library

The City of Seaside is nearing the end of a process to develop and adopt a Specific Plan for the West Broadway Urban Village (between Fremont and Del Monte Avenues). This plan includes a new library at Broadway and Hillsdale, as part of a multi-story building with residences and an attached parking structure. Information on the Plan, including downloads from previous Advisory Committee Meetings and Community Workshops, can be found at www.broadwayurbanvillage.org. Sketches representing options for a library can be found on that website under Events, "Community Workshop #4 Pyatok".

Friends of the Seaside Library have been informed by the City Manager's office that the long-time expected location for a new library, Broadway and Terrace Avenues (across from the Post Office), is no longer an option.

The final Community Workshop on the Urban Village Specific Plan is scheduled for September 8. Tentative public release date for the Draft Specific Plan is August 18. Library patrons, and especially Seaside residents, may wish to comment directly to elected officials. Contact information may be found at www.ci.seaside.ca.us.



My Creativity

By Geraldine Jovel

When I read a book
My mind goes wild
I imagine the pictures
In my head
It's like a movie
Inside my brain
I'm creative
I imagine
I make my own dreams
My head is like a journey
Anything I want comes true
Inside my imagination
That's why I wonder
That's why I dream
That's why I think
Great things
All of this is a precious gift
Which is all to me

This poem, submitted by patron Geraldine Jovel in celebration of National Poetry Month this past April, was featured on the MCFL website.



HOT SUMMER

In this busy time I was lucky to have a chance to go on almost a month long vacation to France, where I was visiting old friends, well-known places, favorite museums in Paris and Cote d'Azur. I spent most of the time in Menton, a picturesque town the size of Seaside, on the Mediterranean coast. I obviously visited their public library that is conveniently located on the main plaza of the town with a separate smaller location for youth services. I was surprised to see how small it is -- probably four times smaller than ours -- and disappointed to see that no audiovisual materials are available there, only books and magazines. What's more, there is no way of checking email during the lunch break because the library is closed for lunch, and even if it is open, it does not offer Internet access. Their hours are Mon-Fri 10-12am, 2-6pm. Doesn't that make you think how lucky we are here with convenient library services in our town, not only for local residents, but also for tourists visiting our area from all over the world?

In early July, we had an interesting encounter with a biker from Montreal who was on his way from Portland, OR to San Diego. Unfortunately he reached our area during the fire in Big Sur and the closure of Highway 1. We had to call the rangers to find out how to redirect the poor tourist who came here to appreciate the beauty of our coast and finally had to take a bus through Salinas Valley to bypass the dangerous zone and continue on his way. I was so happy that I could communicate with him in French since I had just returned from my own vacation. During the time of the Indians Wildland and Basin Complex fires, MCFL kept our patrons informed of the latest fire news through a special link on our Library's website. We were happy that even though our Big Sur Branch had to be evacuated and remained closed for about a week, nothing was destroyed and we are back to normal.

Beata Obydzinski, System Reference Supervising Librarian