



FRIENDS of the SEASIDE LIBRARY

November 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Our 5th Annual Benefit Concert was a great success thanks to fantastic donated raffle prizes and silent auction items. When you patronize our donor businesses, please thank them for their support. Of course, none of this would have been possible without our dedicated Board of Directors and the wonderful people who attended and supported our event. Bob Phillips, George Young, Erin Gray, and Skylar Campbell provided great entertainment. Everyone enjoyed the music and many people enjoyed the dance floor too.

Council Members Dennis Alexander and Tom Mancini and M.P.U.S.D. School Board Representative Debra Gramespacher took time out of their busy schedules to attend and we appreciate their support. A special thank you to my friend Robin Maiser and to my amazing husband Paul Buczynski for their help, from beginning to the end of this event.

On another note, on your next trip to the Library, stop and check out the Homework Center. The Friends provided the funds for new paint and carpet. It looks fresh and clean. Soon, there will be new tables and chairs to complete the makeover. We really appreciate the County for providing new carpet and paint in other areas of the Library.

However you may celebrate the Holidays, I wish you health, love, peace and joy.

Working Together We DO Make A Difference!

Nancy M. Amos

Bookmark our website:
www.thefriendsofseasidelibrary.org

The Friends of the Seaside library would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous support of our 5th Annual Benefit Concert.

Acme Coffee Roasting Company
Nancy M. Amos and Paul D. Buczynski
Michael Baer
Black Bear Diner
Cheryl Block
Breakfast Club
Lois Breida and Beata Obydzinski
Chateau Julien Winery
Clementine's Kitchen
Lolita DuBose
Chris Hall
Homescapes Carmel
Me'N'Ed's Pizza
Larry Menke Buick/Volvo
Monterey Moose Lodge #876
Alicia O'Neill
Phat Burger
Seaside Florist
Sherry Vollmar
Sandra Weaver

Membership Highlights

Welcome to new member Mary Housel

Our members renewing since August
Debbie DuBose, Cathleen Freeman, and
Betty Jean Voeykoff

Special thanks to our Supporters
Resa Foss, Debra Gramespacher, Jeannette
Pacheco and Sandra Weaver

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



Librarian's Message

What an exciting time it has been since joining the Seaside Library staff this past August!

Our homework center was newly renovated thanks to the generous altruism of The Friends of the Seaside Library. The school kids could barely stand the wait for the paint to dry; they were peeking into the room with anticipation asking when they could use their smart new space. The room was newly carpeted as well, and I think it lends a sense of pride for everyone. With your financial support the library is also able to buy new tables and chairs for the very near future. In addition to the homework center makeover we also received two large bookcases for the book sale books. Our community is generous with book donations and the new bookcases are just the right size.

Things move very quickly in Seaside and all over MCFL so let me tell you about the staff changes that have happened over the last couple months:

- Lori Chan, who was a reference librarian and did much of the children's programming, has been promoted to branch manager at the new Marina Library.

We hope to fill Lori's position soon with another excellent and motivated professional. Until then we are committed to offering quality programming for children with our twice a week Story Time, plus the wonderful events the MCFL Youth Services staff continue to develop. Youth Services are also dedicated to the students of the homework center: we are in the midst of introducing our newest electronic resource, www.tutor.com featuring live tutors to provide homework help. The kids love it!

- Andrew Barnachea, who worked in Seaside for ten years, had made a lateral move to the Administrative Office in Marina.
- Patty Yoshida advanced to a Library Assistant III position and now works in Marina.
- Join me in welcoming to our staff Jeff Coronado, our new full-time LAI. He worked in the Buena Vista branch of MCFL for a little over two years and he had a regular Monday night shift here in Seaside, so you may already know

Jeff. In a short time he has demonstrated an instant rapport with our library users. He graduated from UCSC with two degrees and we are very thankful he's an enthusiastic and bright person who is happy to be in Seaside.

- Cathy Andrews is our new part-time LAI. Cathy is a phenomenal addition to our team here, having been a small business owner for over a decade. She brings many facets of skills with her to serve our community including exceptional customer service and creative problem solving ideas. Cathy worked on a bond campaign for the Saline District Library expansion in Michigan.
- We also have a new homework center coordinator, Deana Perske. "Mrs. Perske" comes to us with 25 years of education experience behind her—both internationally and domestically. We are thrilled to have Deana as part of our team!

Last but not least, we celebrated with our Friends at the Fifth Annual Concert to benefit the Seaside Library. MCFL staff had lots of fun winning raffles, bidding in the silent auction, drinking wine, and dancing to the fun music! Thanks to everyone who attended and for your ongoing support to the Seaside Library. I look forward to getting to know the community and will do my best to continue Seaside Library's tradition of stellar customer service.

Sharon Freed, Principal Librarian



Grants Received from Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services and Yellow Brick Road

Friends of the Seaside Library gratefully thank Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services and Yellow Brick Road for their recent generous grants of \$2000 and \$1500 for Library materials, technology, and equipment.

Each month, these organizations make contributions to nonprofit agencies that meet a variety of needs of children and adults living in Monterey County. Their operating expenses are greatly reduced by the participation of volunteers, and if you are able to put in a few hours a week or month to help they would appreciate it.

**The Macho Highway
A.K.A. the Internet**

By Sandra LaFayette

“In the beginning”....
Typing for the most part,
Was female territory
And then –
Men were tickling the keys
Tick-tick-tick
Forget software and cookies –
Masculine terms were needed!
Then came
Super Highway, Surfing,
Mega Bytes, Hard Drive,
Boot Up, Fire Wall,
Search Engines, Download,
Drag and Drop, BURN CDs,
Hard Disk, and Flame War.
Yet, in the end,
There will always be the Mouse.

FrleNdS

By HaEILeY AILeN

FrleNdS r there for U
When FeELinGs r Up
Or down!

There, there for u when
Ur HaPpY or SaD, all the
Time FrleNdS should be
There for U!

When ur insecure they
Should know it!

They should know ur TrUe
FeELings In-AnD-oUt!

And if that’s how ur FrleNdS
R then HoLd on to them and
NeVeR let them Go!

These poems, submitted by patrons in celebration of
National Poetry Month this past April, were featured on the
MCFL website.



**Food for Thought Book Club
tentative dates for the coming year**

December 13th 2008	January 10th 2009
February 7th	March 7th
April 4th	May 2nd
June 13th	July 11th
August 8th	September 5th
October 3rd	November 14th
December 12th	

“That’s what I love about reading:
one tiny thing will interest you in a book,
and that tiny thing will lead you onto another book,
and another bit there will lead you onto a third book.
It’s geometrically progressive -- all with no end in sight,
and for no other reason than sheer enjoyment.”
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows

Beata A. Obydzinski, System Reference

**The American Library Association says usage
nationwide was ten percent higher in the past year
than during the 2001 economic downturn, when it
tracked a similar spike in visits and circulation.**

news headline, September 2008

Americans check out more than 2 billion items each year from their public libraries, according to the 2008 State of America’s Libraries report. “The average user takes out more than seven books a year, but patrons also go to their libraries to borrow DVDs, learn new computer skills, conduct job searches and participate in the activities of local community organizations. Average bill to the taxpayer for this remarkable range of public services: \$31 a year, about the cost of one hardback book.”

“New studies provide solid evidence that the nation’s public libraries are engines of economic growth, contributing to local development through programming in early literacy, employment services and small-business development. Other studies show that libraries provide an excellent return on investment, have a measurable positive impact on the local economy and contribute to the stability, safety and quality of life of their neighborhoods.”

The full text of the **2008 State of America’s Libraries** is available at www.ala.org/2008State.