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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends –

"Without leaps of imagination or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities"

-Gloria Steinem

I hope that you had a chance to visit the recent 'Library Milestones' display in the Avery Gallery at Seaside City Hall. This marvelous exhibit traced the beginnings of library service to the Seaside community in the early 1930s through to the present. The determination, imagination, and dreams of members of the Emerson Library Club 85 years ago and the founders of Friends of the Seaside Library 35 years ago helped to make real what we take for granted today.

On Saturday, November 7, we will celebrate these anniversaries in our newly-remodeled building. Thanks to the commitment of Monterey County Free Libraries, the City of Seaside, and the Friends, the Gordon R. Forrest Memorial Library is receiving fresh paint, new carpeting, shelving, & furnishings, and exterior ADA improvements. The City has pledged to proceed with roof and HVAC replacements in 2016. This revitalizing makeover has been a long time coming to fruition. In the late 1990s, we imagined the possibility of a new library. When a recession and the dissolution of Redevelopment in California changed the economic climate drastically, it was an adjustment to let go of that dream and face the reality that our Library building was approaching 40 years without major improvements or upkeep.

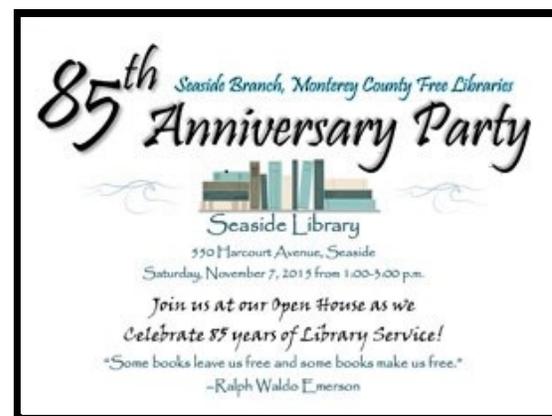
Many of us still nurture a dream of a new Seaside Library in the future. In our dreams, our library is large, bright, close to schools & residential neighborhoods. It has ample computer stations, a community meeting room, check-out kiosks, and special areas for children & young adults. It embraces new technology & learning modes, and celebrates the culture & history of Seaside.

For the present, we are deeply grateful for the TLC given our Library during its month-long closure. We love the ocean theme carried out in carpet color and seahorse cutouts on chairs; the cheery, fresh-paint vibe; the modernized décor; and the increased accessibility. We know will you too.

Please join us on November 7 for some fun, music, & cake, and check out the new look and feel of the building. It's also a great opportunity to express your appreciation to our Seaside Library staff for their outstanding service and to the government representatives who supported this remodel.

Happy anniversary, everyone!

-Sandra Weaver



Mini COMIC CON



Sat. Nov. 14, 2015

2:00-4:00 PM, Seaside Library

* Screening of Ant-Man Film (PG-13)

* Comic Book Sale

* Prize Drawing

Costumes Encouraged!



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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.

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