

# Among Friends



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Tile painting project at the library.

# The San Carlos Eclectic Music Festival 2016



## Hot Licks at the Library

The second annual San Carlos Eclectic Music Festival got off to an exotic start, with the striking global jazz of Mr. Ho's Orchestrotica (see photos) drawing a packed crowd to the library's reading room.

San Carlos was the award-winning quintet's first stop on its California tour and told its fans on Face-

book that the Festival was "a blast."

The Eclectic Music Festival is hosted by the San Carlos Library and sponsored by the Friends. All the

events are free to the public and open to all ages.

This year's Festival offers a diverse line-up of contemporary, classical and jazz musicians. Next up: the beautifully blended voices of the nationally ranked all-female vocal ensemble Solstice on Saturday, April 2, at 2 p.m.



# President's Letter

Dear Friends,

You can tell a lot about a community by visiting its library. To enter ours you pass through a starry atrium. To your right is the colorful children's wing and in front of you the reading room, quiet and calm. To the left is the Friends bookshop, its shelves full of gently used books donated by the warm-hearted people of San Carlos. Our library is a place full of light and life, a testament to a community that values knowledge, exploration, and connection. Thank you for making that possible. It is a privilege to live and learn among you.

Your Friend,

Laurie Seidler

President, Friends of the San Carlos Library

## We're Not Saying Volunteering with the Friends will Win You an Award, but...

The Friends' **Karen Clapper** was honored as the **2015 San Carlos Citizen of the Year** at a gala Feb. 5. If you've stopped by the Friends bookshop you've probably met Karen, who sorts our book donations and runs the shop. Karen also served on the San Carlos City Council and was a member of the Planning Commission. We're proud to call Karen a Friend and thank her for her years of service!



Several Friends of the Library volunteers celebrated with Karen Clapper at the gala.

## Do You Love Books?

Help our library thrive by volunteering with The Friends of the San Carlos Library. Email [friendsofsclib@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsclib@gmail.com).

Have books to donate? Our book drop-off in the garage under the library is open 24-hours a day. Receipts for your tax-deductible donations are available.

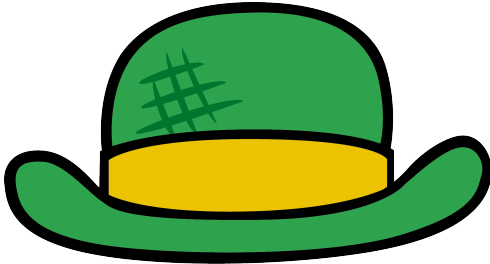
## You Never Know Whom You'll Meet at the Friends' Third Sunday Book Sales

San Carlos Mayor and library fan Cameron Johnson snagged a few bargains at the Friends' February book sale and took the opportunity to make a welcome donation of his February City Council salary to the Friends of the Library. The Mayor is donating his salary to a different local charitable organization each month.



Mayor Cameron thanked the Friends volunteers " who enrich our community through their service to the library."

Right back at you, Mayor Cameron. We thank you for your support!



### Everyone Loves a Parade – Join Us!

The 2016 San Carlos Hometown Days festivities will be May 20-22. Look for the Friends at the Hometown Days Parade! Last year our volunteers were a hit in striking headgear designed and executed by librarian Robert Esparza. How will we outdo ourselves this year?

### BUILDING HEALTHY CITIES

At our February meeting, Friends board members unanimously voted to make a \$10,000 donation to Healthy Cities Tutoring, a nonprofit organization that helps the children of San Carlos succeed in school by pairing them with tutor-mentors from the community. Healthy Cities partners with the San Carlos School District to help hundreds of elementary and middle school students a year and recently expanded its reach to students in need in Redwood City.



"Thank you...for this wonderful and very generous contribution from the Friends of the Library," Healthy Cities Executive Director Donna Becht said. "We are so grateful for your support."

## Friends of the San Carlos Library Membership Form

*Current period runs from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.*

To become a "FRIEND", please enclose your payment in an envelope and return with this form to: Friends of the Library, 610 Elm Street, San Carlos, CA 94070 (or drop off at the front desk in the library). Also, secure payment with your credit card may be made at [www.scfol.org](http://www.scfol.org)

### Membership Dues:

All contributions are tax deductible.

- New Member
- Renewal

- Individual (\$15.00)
- Senior (\$10.00)
- Family (\$30.00)
- Business (\$45.00)

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