

# AMONG FRIENDS

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## Message from the President

### Library Renovation Project

The initial design and cost model for the project have been agreed upon. There are several steps to come to finalize the plan and obtain detailed construction cost bids. The remaining issues are scheduled to be resolved by late summer.

The cost model of the renovation at this time is approximately \$1,400,000. Funding has been identified and pledged as follows:

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| San Mateo County Library System                    | \$400,000   |
| Hofer Family Bequest Dedicated Grant               | 257,000     |
| Friends of the San Carlos Library Dedicated Grant  | 275,000     |
| City of San Carlos Building Fund                   | 400,000     |
| City of San Carlos Maintenance Fund and ARRA Grant | 100,000 +/- |

**The \$275,000 grant from the Friends is the result of funds earned by selling donated used books through the Book Shop and the Third Sunday Sales for approximately 10 years. Our books range in price from 50 cents to \$3.00. The average sale is approximately \$1. The donation was achieved through the hard work of many volunteers, dedication to the library and community and last but not least love of books and learning.**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TIME, LABOR AND BOOKS**

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## San Carlos Chamber of Commerce Mixer



On Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> the Friends hosted a Chamber of Commerce Mixer at the library. As the renovation moves from planning to construction, we wanted to share the exciting news with other groups in the community. More than 40 businesses and civic groups were represented by nearly 80 attendees. Some of the guests were in our library for the first time.

Karen Clapper, our Renovation Task Force leader, gave an informative presentation on the steps taken and steps to come to complete the action plan and to move forward with the actual renovation. We are all hoping for a late summer start date.

Tom Fortin, the deputy director of Library Services, discussed the ever-growing patronage of the San Mateo County Libraries in general and the specific growth at the San Carlos Library. He also addressed the often heard misconception that libraries will no longer be relevant. Our growing collection of e-books, the need for more computer workstations, wireless network access for laptop use and other electronic media are just a few of the ways that the San Carlos renovation is adding capabilities that patrons need and desire and that prepare us for the future.

Events like this are a project in themselves. This event was planned, organized and orchestrated by a Friends volunteer task force that included Veralyn



Dauids, Virginia Martin and Betsy Wooten. On the evening of the event, they were supported by Diana Edmonds, Dinny Zinckgraf, Bunny Koehler, Jan Smith, Tom Davids and me. Library manager Chet Mulawka, Circulation supervisor JC Escalante, Children's librarian Michelle Loomis and other staff members did the setup in various areas of the library. Chamber members were able to get a good view of the entire facility and the changes that are planned for each area. A huge thank you to everyone involved. It was a wonderful evening and a great opportunity to share our collective view of our future facility.

Janice Raymond

## Friends of the Library's February Third Sunday Sale



Meet Margery Ranch and Claire Earley, volunteer cashiers at our February 19<sup>th</sup> Book Sale.

If you too would like to help our San Carlos Library by volunteering for the "Friends" at our third Sunday sales, or by volunteering to sort or shelve books for the Book Shop and Annex, please call Helene Haughney at 650-592-2517. Besides your contribution to the library, you'll have an opportunity to meet other book-loving volunteers.



## Children's Programs

- ▶ **May 8, 4 p.m.- MOCFA Shadow Puppets**  
Join the Museum of Craft and Folk Art as we form shadow puppets with paper, scissors, and hole punches. For school-age children 5 and up.
- ▶ **May 8, 7 p.m.- Playborhood: Turn Your Neighborhood into a Place for Play**  
Join Playborhood.com's Mike Lanza to discover how parents can help kids bond with an outdoor neighborhood play activity. Restore the joy of free, unstructured play in your neighborhood! A parent education workshop.
- ▶ **May 10 and 11 following Story time: Mother's Day Craft (this is not on the website)**  
Join us for a special Mother's Day craft following Story time. For toddlers and preschoolers accompanied by an adult.
- ▶ **May 17, 4:00 p.m.- Art of Japanese Internment Camps**  
The Museum of Craft and Folk art will present an art education workshop based on the beautiful artworks created by Japanese American WWII interns during using found objects. For school age children 5 and up.
- ▶ **May 25, 10:30 p.m.- Toddler Dance Party with Andrew Gomez**  
Andrew Gomez is coming to town to make your toddlers dance! Join us for an hour of music and fun. For toddlers and their adults.

## Adult Programs

### May 2012

- ▶ **Tai Chi** - every Monday, Friday, and Saturday morning in the library 10-11 a.m.
- ▶ **Meditation** - every Monday morning 11a.m.- Noon in the Parent/Teacher Room
- ▶ **"Computer Coach"** - every Monday morning, 10:30 a.m.- Noon
- ▶ **ESL for Chinese Speakers** - ESL instructor Mr. Edward Lee teaches English to Cantonese/Mandarin speakers. The class meets in Study Room C every Wednesday 11a.m.- Noon
- ▶ **"Knitting with Arnie"** - every Wednesday 6:30-9:00 p.m.
- ▶ **San Carlos Quilting Club** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of every month from 10 - Noon. All ages and skill levels are welcome.
- ▶ **"Life Lessons Superheroes Teach Us"** - Wednesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. San Mateo County Psychological Association lecture by Robin S. Rosenberg, Ph.D.
- ▶ **The Future of Food, a film** by Deborah Koons Garcia - Wednesday, May 2 at 7 p.m.
- ▶ **Daytime Book Club** - Monday, May 7 at 10 a.m. We will be discussing White Oleander by Janet Fitch
- ▶ **"Caring for Aging Parents"** - Monday, May 7 at 7 p.m. San Mateo County Psychological Association lecture by Lori Luft, Ph.D.
- ▶ **Lawyers in the Library** - Tuesday, May 8 at 7-9 p.m. Call 650-591-0341 ext. 222 for an appointment.
- ▶ **Legion of Honor Docent Lecture** "The Cult of Beauty: Victorian Avant-Grade, 1860-1900. - Monday, May 14 at 7 p.m. This is the first major exhibition to explore the unconventional creativity of the British Aesthetic Movement. It showcases the entirety of the Aesthetic Movement's output, celebrating the startling beauty and variety of creations by masters, and Edward Burne-Jones and designers E.W. Godwin, William Morris and Christopher Dresser.
- ▶ **Read-Along Shakespeare** - Wednesday, May 16 at 7-9 p.m. Gather with other fans of Shakespeare to read his works. Please bring a copy of the play if you have one as only a few Library copies may be available. This month we'll read Coriolanus.
- ▶ **Non-Fiction Book Club** - Thursday, May 17 at 10:15 a.m. We will be discussing Nothing Daunted: the unexpected education of two society girls in the west by Dorothy Wickenden.
- ▶ **Beginning Internet Class** - Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m. What is the Internet? Learn all about web browsers, search engines, and internet safety. Call 591-0341 ext. 222 to register.

*More events are  
listed on our  
website*

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## Adult Programs – Cont.

- ▶ **Palo Alto Medical Foundation Lecture on Heart Health** - Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m. – Talks about recapping the Past Century by Lynette Lissin M.D.
- ▶ **Mystery Book Club** - Wednesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. We will be discussing *Gone by Mo Hayder*.

### JUNE 2012

- ▶ **Tai Chi** - every Monday, Friday, and Saturday morning in the library 10-11 a.m.
- ▶ **Meditation** - every Monday morning 11 a.m.- Noon in the Parent/Teacher Room
- ▶ **"Computer Coach"** - every Monday morning, 10:30 a.m. – Noon
- ▶ **ESL for Chinese Speakers** - ESL instructor Mr. Edward Lee teaches English to Cantonese/Mandarin speakers. The class meets in Study Room C every Wednesday 11 a.m.- Noon
- ▶ **"Knitting with Arnie"** - every Wednesday 6:30-9 p.m.
- ▶ **San Carlos Quilting Club**- meets the second Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. – Noon. All ages and skill levels are welcome.
- ▶ **Daytime Book Club** - Monday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m. - We will be discussing *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe.
- ▶ **California Native Plant Society Lecture** "Choosing Perennials and Ground Covers: Color in the Native Garden" by Stephanie Curtis - Thursday, June 7 at 7 p.m.
- ▶ **Lawyers in the Library** - Tuesday, June 12 at 7-9 p.m. Call 650-591-0341 ext. 222 for an appointment.
- ▶ **Non-Fiction Book Club** - Thursday, June 14 at 10:15 a.m. We will be discussing *Quirk: brain science makes sense of your peculiar personality* by Hannah Holmes.
- ▶ **Read-Along Shakespeare** - Wednesday, June 20 at 7-9 p.m. Gather with other fans of Shakespeare to read his works. Please bring a copy of the play if you have one as only a few Library copies may be available. We will be reading *Much Ado About Nothing*.
- ▶ **Sherry Austin with Henhouse** – Wed., June 20 at 7 p.m. – with four of the most popular Americana vocalists in the San Francisco Bay Area, Sherry Austin with Henhouse delights their fans with their engaging stage presence, upbeat songs, and great harmonies. They sing with authority and passion, and their distinctive blend of folks, country, and rock is filled with warmth and conviction. Their music covers the range from sweet love songs to gritty, rockin' songs about cars, trains, and love gone wrong.
- ▶ **Beginning Internet Class** – Thursday, June 21 at 7 p.m. - *What is the Internet?* Learn all about web browsers, search engines, and Internet safety. Call 591-0341, ext. 222, to register.
- ▶ **Palo Alto Medical Foundation Lecture Series** "Memory and Aging" by Christina A. Lee, M.D., PAMF, Internal Medicine, Hospitalist - Monday, June 25 at 7 p.m.
- ▶ **Mystery Book Club** - Wednesday, June 27 at 7 p.m. We will be discussing *The devotion of suspect X* by Keigo Higashino.

## FYI – For Friends

- ▶ A 24-hour open book donation drop-off point is located in the underground parking garage accessed via Cherry Street. Look for the cage. Donation receipts are attached to the cage. Magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias and materials in poor condition are not accepted. Volunteers sort books on Tuesdays in the cage and shelve on Thursdays in the second floor annex.
- ▶ The Friends' Book Shop is on the first floor of the library. It is open whenever the library is open. Customers pay the librarians.
- ▶ The Friends host a book sale on the third Sunday of every month from 1-4 p.m. on the second floor. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Helene Haughney for more information at 592-2517.
- ▶ With the coming makeover of the library, the board welcomes new ideas and new members to serve. Some positions on the board will become available in June, as well as persons needed on subcommittees. Please consider being a strategic voice. Contact Janice Raymond, Friends President at [janice.raymond@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janice.raymond@sbcglobal.net) with your ideas and to volunteer.



## Friends of the Library Assist Book-Lovers in Need through Book Recycling

Have you ever wondered what happens to the **donated books** that the Friends of the Library don't sell? Answer: They are recycled—to excellent causes, of course.

We are proud to have put in place a re-donation/recycling program that supports local and locally affiliated book-loving groups in need of donated books.

One of our most rewarding partnerships is with the Redwood City School District, where re-donations have totaled more than

6,000 children's books in the last two years. To quote a thank-you letter from Alisa MacAvoy, Redwood City School District Board Trustee: "The principals and librarians at the school sites have been giving the books to the school libraries and to teachers to give out to students. Many of the students at these schools have very few books at home, so receiving a new, gently used book to keep is a real treat for the students and the family!"

Other re-donation recipients include: San Mateo County Juvenile Hall,

Reading Partners, St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Basilan Library in the Philippines.

### **Donate a book—Keep the cycle going.**

Books may be dropped off in the garage of the library just outside the "cage." Thanks for your continued support.

Jan Smith  
Thursday Sorter/Board Member

## Book-Peddling on the Internet

Going to the bookshop located on the first floor of the library or attending the once-a-month Sunday book sales on the second floor is a fun way to find reading material for all ages. But if you have been looking for a particular book over a long period of time, you might want to consider going on the web. My favorite site is "Addall," which is basically a search engine for all online bookstores and dealers. Some booksellers actually price their books for as low as \$.01 (yes, one penny), but do consider

shipping (\$3.00 if shipped within the US). If you are looking for a one-time read, and don't care about the condition, a bookseller will describe the book as: "good reading copy," and the prices are extremely low.

The Friends of San Carlos Library also have a bookstore on the web. Our store is listed at Abebooks. We have more than 450 books in all categories, and our prices start at \$15 and go into the \$100s. Some of our bestsellers are textbooks. We

started this endeavor in 2004, and we expect to be very close to \$20,000 in profits by the end of 2012. All proceeds go to the library programs, and now, also to the *Library Makeover* fundraising effort. If you have book that you consider valuable and would like to donate it, please call San Carlos Library 591-0341, and leave a message for Virginia Martin.

Virginia Martin  
Chair, Internet Book Sales

## We've Lost a Friend



Joann Levin, one of our longtime library volunteers passed away recently. Joann volunteered with Kathy Gonzalez for several years mending books to marking out library bar codes. She was also a dedicated volunteer to the Friends. Joann was an avid craft person. You have probably seen some of her handmade stuffed bears used in our story times. Several years ago she donated 100 beautiful, handmade stuffed bears to the San Mateo County's program "Children with Aids" barrel and later donated 50 handmade bears to the Christmas programs at East Palo Alto Library and St. Anthony's of Padua Catholic Church in Redwood City.

## Redwood City School District Thanks!

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February 12, 2012

Dear Friends of San Carlos Library,

Thank you so much for the donation of books to the Redwood City School District the last year. We are so appreciative of your donation.

The principals and librarians at the schools sites have been giving the books to the school libraries and to teachers to give out to students. Many of the students at these schools have very few books at home, so receiving a new, gently used book to keep is a real treat for the students and the family!

#### **Here is a listing of the most recent donations:**

August 11, 2011 John Gill school 500 books

August 23, 2011 Selby school 600 books

September 22, 2011 John Gill school 450 books

October 19, 2011 Selby school 500 books

November 30, 2011 Hoover school 650 books

December 19, 2011 John Gill school 600 books

January 25, 2012 Clifford school 400 books

And, in 2010 and 2011 you also donated books to our school district totaling about 2800 books.

Again, thank you very much. We look forward to continuing this worthwhile partnership with you as we help more of our neediest children read!

Sincerely,

Alisa MacAvoy

Redwood City School District Board Trustee

cc: Jan Christensen, RCSD

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