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BRANCH MANAGER'S NOTES

Hello Friends!

I wanted to start on a personal note by saying how much I've enjoyed getting to know you this past year. Even though I'd been living here for over a year before I began managing the PB Library, I've had the opportunity to meet so many more people and learn about the wonderful resources that we have in this community since I began working here. Because I've experienced first-hand how the Library can be a meeting point for people, helping strangers to become friends, we're offering more programs in the coming year that will endeavor to do the same for other people in our neighborhood.



We began this summer by launching *Beach Reads*, a program where volunteers wheel a wagon filled with donated books out to the beach and give the books away to beach goers. Of course, each book also comes with a map to our library and information about the various services available. The idea behind the program is that there are a lot of people who do not use their library regularly so this is an opportunity to remind them that reading is fun, and that the library offers even more than books. Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer with this program; we'd love to send the wagon out more often while the weather is still good.

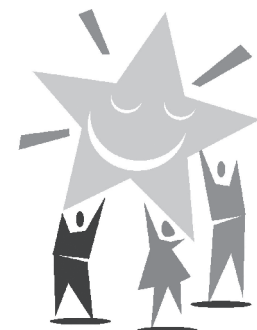
We're also designing more programs where folks will have the chance to speak with each other and, hopefully make new friends. In August we

offered salsa dance lessons then brought in a band so that attendees could show off their moves; we hope to offer Salsa Under the Stars again next summer. In the coming months we plan to hold Art Nights in the Gallery after the library has closed, and events using a "Speed Dating" type of format, where people speak with each other for a few minutes then rotate so that they can meet all of the attendees. I think that people will enjoy meeting their neighbors and discovering people with like interests.

Finally, because sometimes the person we'd like to get to know better is a member of our own family, we'll host a Family Legacy Workshop on Thursday, November 13 (1:00 pm). This free writing workshop will explore setup, characters, plot, the importance of conflict and emotion so that attendees can record their memories or the stories of their ancestors. Documenting their stories will help your ancestors come alive on paper, and make your family legacy something your children will be proud of for generations to come.

-Christina Wainwright, Branch Manager

The Annual Volunteer Breakfast for the Friends of the San Diego Public Library was held at the Point Loma Library on Saturday, September 13th. Four members of the Pacific Beach Friends were among the honorees: Billie Crow, Patti Karnes, Shirley Kula and Mary Krimmel.



Thanks to Our Volunteers!

In 1995 Phil Detwiler, then PB branch manager, talked me into becoming the program chair for the PB Friends. We started with such exciting programs as the gardener from Walter Anderson Nursery (a very nice guy) to being a sought after venue for local musical artists. After all these years I have reached the pinnacle of the Friends group by being elected as one of three co-presidents.



I have been an elementary school librarian for 22 years, 16 years at Crown Point and the last 6 at PB Elementary. I love my job. I get to have all the fun of getting kids excited about reading without having to do report cards and parent conferences! In addition, I work for the 6 to 6 program at my site. I do the literacy component of the program. I also get to teach a healthy eating cooking class once a month.

My other part-time jobs include being a Midway ticket seller each summer at the San Diego County Fair and working for the Chargers, during home games, in the suite services division. My hobbies are reading, reading and jewelry making. In my spare time, I clean my house (guess you can imagine the status of my house).

-Connie Mason, President

Editor's Note: Connie Mason has provided our community with beautiful and exciting musical programs on the second Wednesday of each month (September through May) in the Community Room of the Pacific Beach Library. This fall we have a much requested repeat performance by Peter Sprague in September; Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind (Jazz) in October and Rand DiMatea and Friends (Blues) in November. In addition to that, Connie either has chaired or co-chaired every fund raising event sponsored by the Friends.

Join the Friends of P.B. Library and be an active member of your library. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the Community Room.

FREE Classes For Adults

Registration for each class is required. Please call the Library (858.581.9934) or register at the Circulation Desk.

Election 2008

Thursday, October 16 (1:00-2:30 pm)

Get up to the minute information on the hottest issues regarding the upcoming presidential election. Attorney Martin Kruming will present unbiased facts about each candidate's stance and then open it up for discussion at the end.

Family Legacy Workshop

Thursday, November 13 (1:00 pm)

Each of us has a story from our ancestors or even our own story to tell. If these stories are unwritten, though, how are your children going to know of their own heritage? It's up to us to write these experiences down. At this free Writing Workshop you will explore setup, characters, plot, the importance of conflict and emotion. The secret of holding a reader is using emotion: it's the difference between a slow or a lively recounting of a story. Help your ancestors come alive on paper. Make your family legacy something your children will be proud of.

Heart Healthy Eating: Beyond Fat & Cholesterol

Thursday, November 20 (1:00-2:30pm)

Practical dietary suggestions to reduce risk of heart disease, including the latest research on diet and inflammation, homocysteine, and the role of carotenoids and soy. Tips for calculating your own fat and fiber intake will be provided, along with guidelines for identifying saturated or unsaturated fats in your diet and strategies for lowering LDL cholesterol (the "bad" cholesterol). Cholesterol-lowering spreads, trans-free margarines, and the old butter vs. margarine debate will be discussed, as will the benefits of fish, flaxseeds, and fiber-containing foods.

The Power of Google.com

Wednesday, December 10 (1:00-2:30 pm) NEW DATE!

Connected to the Internet, in this demonstration (not hands-on) Sara Ohara will open the world of Google potential for you. Find out what Google has to offer. Google Basics: Search tips and features, Book Search, Calculator, Currency Conversion, Definitions, Froogle, Images, Local Search, Movies, News, PhoneBook, Spell Checker, Stock Quotes, Street Maps, Weather and How to refine your search on Google.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS:

Wednesdays 1:00 P.M. & Wednesdays 6:00 pm
Chess Club
 Play Chess and meet your neighbors - we convene on the patio (weather permitting) or at the study tables. (All ages)

1st Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm
PB Adult Book Club
 The PB Book Discussion Group welcomes you to join us on the first Wednesday of each month. Copies of that month's selection are available at the Circulation Desk.

October 3: Obsessive Genius by *Barbara Goldsmith*
 November 5: Gödel, Escher, Bach or I am a Strange Loop by *Douglas Hofstadter*
 December 3: Atonement by *Ian McEwan*

Concert Series

The 2008-2009 Library Music Series presents a concert on the second Wednesday of each month (except December) at 7:00 pm. Admission is free, but donations are gladly welcome.

October 8, 2008: Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind (Jazz)
November 12, 2008: Rand DiMatea and Friends (Blues)

YOUTH LIBRARY

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Summer Reading Program was a busy and fun-filled event for children, teens and parents. The Pacific Beach/Taylor Library offered 8 events for children and 2 for teens, and had approximately 588 in attendance. All the programs were sponsored by the Friends of the Pacific Beach Library. We had approximately 382 children and 39 teens sign up to participate in our "Catch the Reading Bug!" program. Of those, 163 children and 17 teens read the required 5 or 10 books and received their goodie bags full of prizes. Some of the prizes they received were: Round Table Pizza coupons for a free personal size pizza, Sammy's Pizza coupons for a free Messy Sundae, Joe's Crab Shack coupons for a free kid's meal, and free passes to the Reuben H. Fleet Museum, San Diego Natural History Museum, Legoland discount coupon, Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Bailey Circus discount coupon and free IMAX passes.

Even after receiving all these prizes, the children and teens of Pacific Beach continued reading to help others. For every additional 5 books or 10 books read a duckling, gosling, or chick will be donated to a needy family in a developing country. This is made possible by the Mission Beach Women's Club who are making a generous donation to Heifer International on behalf of the dedicated young readers of

Pacific Beach. Their altruistic efforts resulted in 167 ducklings, 155 goslings and 198 chicks!

The Pacific Beach Taylor Branch Library is offering the following events for children:

Storytimes

Mondays, 6:30 pm
Storytime & Craft
 Recommended for children 2-6

Tuesdays, 10:30 am
Preschool Storytime
 Recommended for children 4 and under

Thursday, September 25 & October 23 at 10:30 am
Sign-A-Story Circle Time
 Monta Briant, local mommy and author of *Baby Sign Language Basics* and *Sign, Sing, and Play* will sign stories and lead us in songs, fingerplays, and games and share tips on using sign language as an early communication tool with preverbal babies and toddlers. (A POPULAR PROGRAM RETURNS!)

Fall Programs:

October 1-29
Pumpkin Decorating Contest
 Come to the library to pick up your entry form. Three winners will be chosen!

Wednesday, October 29 at 4:00 pm
Halloween Stories With professional storyteller Marilyn McPhie.

Wednesday, December 17 at 4:00 pm
Winter Holidays Around the World with The Raggle Taggle Band
 A multi-cultural celebration of the songs of the season including Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and winter songs and traditions of other countries. Audience participation for all ages.

Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am
October 4, November 1, & December 6
Wagging Tales
 Children can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to certified therapy dogs.



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BOOK SALES

Book sales continue to be held on Wednesday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Also there are 4 carts of books and magazines for sale all of the time in the library-in front of the circulation desk.

Money resulting from the sales is used to buy books for the Library. The Pacific Beach Friends give \$2,000 per month to Christina Wainwright, Branch Manager, for purchase of books for the collection. Your donations of books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, etc. make this possible.

The Book Sale Chairman, Billie Crow, can use more volunteers. Please contact her at 858.488.2916

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