



# Of Books and Things

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## RB Friends Honored at Central Library

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library honored local branch Friends volunteers at their Annual Meeting, Saturday, September 9. The Rancho Bernardo FOL board selected four honorees: Millie Boaz, Johanna Korte, Jane Meiners, and Suellen Rubinstein (not pictured). "We have so many great volunteers that it was difficult to limit our selections to four," said Judy



Judy Levine, President of RB FOL.

In addition to those honored, the event was attended by Board members Judy Levine, Jan Ash, Dick Leuhring, Harvey Levine, and photographer John Boaz.

The attendees agreed the presentations were very interesting and relevant. Tom Karlo, General Manager, KPBS, was the featured speaker. Also on the agenda were Misty Jones, Director,

San Diego Public Library; Jay Hill, CEO, San Diego Public Library Foundation; and Scott Ehrig-Burgess, Manager, Library Shop.

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library is the umbrella organization for FOL groups throughout the public library system.

**Don't Forget! Spooky Bag Sale - Saturday, October 21  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm (see page 4)**

**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS FOR YOU! Webmaster Needed.**

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## Library Happenings

By Patricia Jenkins, Branch Manager'

Fall is going to be fun filled and informative!

Our adult agenda includes two Oasis programs. *Transforming Aging: Consciousness Matters*, will be held Tuesday, September 26, 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Instructor Virginia B. Berger will show how our consciousness affects the aging process. She will introduce some consciousness-raising practices that can help guide us as we age. Sign up for this program at the Library.

We are delighted that Richard Lederer will present *The Lighter Side of Aging*. Richard has said the only way to age is with a smile. Spend a Saturday afternoon with him on November 4, 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Richard's language and humor books will be available for purchase. As always, he is delighted to go to lunch with program participants.

*Basic Computer Classes* are continuing to draw new students. If you are looking to improve your skills, Jerry Goldstein's weekly

Saturday class, from 10:00 to 12:00 pm, currently has space. Jerry's Wednesday class is now full. Please contact the RB Library for more information and to sign up.

Our new *Babies and Books* program every Monday afternoon is proving to be a hit! We've become a beloved location for parents and their infants to experience the world outside the home. Monta Briant's *Sign-A-Story Circle Time* program continues to be the ideal introduction for families to the intricacies and fun of American Sign Language. Along with *Toddler Yoga* and our wonderful story and craft times, these programs enable the very young in our community to experience exciting new activities!

For older kids, we are thrilled to continue *Thinking Outside of the Box* hosted by Nancy Myles. Her brain games and problem-solving activities are a delightful challenge! We really appreciate how it's a bit of brain-bending fun for the community.

*Steam2 Academy* continues its popular series by addressing the *Science of Sound* this month. Miss Kim will explore and explain the world of sound to young ones who probably haven't thought much about it! Because of the Labor Day holiday, our HUGELY popular *Creative Dance for Children* program is gearing up for one session instead of its regular two! We anticipate it will be even more well-attended this month!

RB's ever-popular Discovery Concert Series continued in September with *The Joy of the Piano* featuring **Naomi Hobbs** and **Yumiko Oya**, pianists. RB Friends Chamber Concert program is featured on page 4.



As always, our gratitude to the Friends of the Library is difficult to fully express. With your help and generosity, our patrons and community get to experience a greater quality of life. RB staff hears feedback daily about how much everyone appreciates the programs you support. We offer a pure and simple "Thank You!" in hopes you know all that is contained within.

## New Web Manager Needed

If you enjoy volunteering, and enjoy working on your computer, this opportunity may be just the one for you! The FOL needs someone to keep our Website up-to-date. There is room for creativity, and Web experience is a plus. If you are interested in this Board position, contact Judy Levine at [Judithllevine@earthlink.net](mailto:Judithllevine@earthlink.net). And check out our site.

## President's Message

### Thank You!

**Thank you all for your interest and participation in the Friends of the RB Library. Special thanks to the 70-plus Friends who contribute their time and energy. What a great group!**

### We show our appreciation.

On September 9, several of us attended the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library, an umbrella organization of Friends of all SDPL branches. At this meeting, each branch's Friends honored up to four volunteers. We have so many worthy helpers that it was hard to choose. But in the end, our Board selected Jane Meiners, Suellen Rubinstein, Johanna Korte, and Millie Boaz, all enthusiastic, helpful, generous, friendly workers. We appreciate them to the sky and beyond. Dick Luehring, Jan Ash, John Boaz and I, also attended, as did John Boaz.

### An Interesting Development

During the last few years, fewer almost current books seem to be donated. Puzzling over this phenomenon, we guess that it's due to the rising popularity of e-books. After a couple of years of declining income from book sales, we have changed our MO.

We mounted a four-day book sale in May, but instead of the fall four-day sale, we will have more frequent bag sales. These are held, not in the Community Room (which requires table set-up, four-day staffing, lugging tables and boxes of books, etc.) but in and near the book shop and in the workroom. This tactic has been working.

We have also learned how to sell used books on Amazon, how to price them, and which books sell best. Dick Luehring is in charge with two helpers.

### More Ways to Address this Change

Since we may not be able to depend on book sales for income as e-books become even more popular, we are also looking for a Fundraising Committee and Fundraising Chair

to help us try new approaches. At our July Board Meeting, we brainstormed fundraising activities and prioritized them. However, to move forward, we need person-power. I guarantee you that a fundraising chair and his or her committee will have a strong voice in determining which methods we actually implement.

If you want help develop a plan—or if you want to help raise money, please email me at [judithllevine@earthlink.net](mailto:judithllevine@earthlink.net).

This is important. Our RB Library depends on us to fund programming, all children's paperbacks, Summer Reading Program prizes, the leased collection of adult popular books and DVDs, and many adult books. Yes, that much!

## Lending Library

New books are being added to the Lending Library in the Bookshop each month. Be among the first to check out one for the two-week reading period. New additions for September:

Fiona Barton	<i>The Child</i>
C.J. Box	<i>Paradise Valley</i>
Sue Grafton	<i>Y is for Yesterday</i>
Anthony Horowitz	<i>Magpie Murders</i>
Jonathan Kellerman	<i>Crime Scene</i>
Jodi Picoult	<i>Small Great Things</i>
Rachel Seiffert	<i>A Boy in Winter</i>
Karin Slaughter	<i>The Good Daughter</i>
Ruth Ware	<i>The Lying Game</i>

Keep cool. Read a book!

## Book Sales Through Amazon

Since we established a team of volunteers to concentrate on selling higher value books to Amazon, our on-line sales have continued to increase. Their hard work has resulted in sales of 50 books at an average price of \$28.70. (Most of our other efforts yield \$2.00 or less per book.) We currently have over 60 books listed for sale on Amazon and look forward to a great year.

Total income from books has increased 38 percent from last year, including Bookshop sales, bag sales and Amazon sales.

## Concert News

The first chamber concert of the season was September 27, featuring the Ardor String Trio (violin, viola and cello).

The Wednesday night chamber series for 2017-2018 continues with the schedule below. We have added a second concert in November, so that we can present a performance of the Dvorak "American" Quartet, in conjunction with the Poway Symphony Orchestra's "Dvorak in America" concert on November 19. Maestro John LoPiccolo will conduct the orchestra in Dvorak's Cello Concerto and New World Symphony and will preview the program at our November 15 concert.

And please note that Sophie Webber and Ines Irawati will perform on the *fifth* Wednesday of November.

### Chamber Series schedule:

October 25	Camarada Quartet (flute/violin/cello/piano)
November 15	Highland String Quartet ( <i>special Dvorak concert &amp; PSO preview</i> )
November 29	Sophie Webber & Ines Irawati (cello/piano)
January 24	Orvieto Piano Trio
February 28	Aviara Piano Trio
March 28	Erin Breen & Ines Irawati (cello/piano)
April 25	Travis Maril & Toni James (viola/piano)
May 23	West Coast Wind Quintet (flute/clarinet/oboe/bassoon/horn)

### Jazz at the Library Series:

October 11	Chicago Six
November 8	Peter Sprague Quartet with vocalist (Music of Cole Porter)
February 14	Larry Okmin Dixieland Band
March 14	Lori Bell Trio (flute)
April 1	Allison Adam Tucker Quartet
May 9	Latin Band -TBD

## Upcoming Bag Sales

The July Bag Sale was a huge success, thanks in large part to the many families attending the Comic Fest at the library that day. We made \$700: an all-time high. Now we're looking forward to a Spooky Bag Sale on Saturday, October 21, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm in both the Bookshop and work room.

**We will not have a four-day book sale this fall. Instead we'll rely on two bag sales: Saturday, October 21 and Saturday, December 9.**

We'll have some brown grocery bags on hand but ask that you bring your own bag of comparable size. If you are willing to donate bags from your supply, please feel to do so at the shop at any time! Your bag donation will be much appreciated. The pricing for a bag of books will be the usual: **\$3 for members and \$5 for non-members**. Memberships will be available on the day, of course. See you at the sales!