

Volunteers Honored at SDPL

Four of our Rancho Bernardo Friends were honored at the annual meeting of the San Diego Friends of the Library at the downtown location. Volunteers from all branches were recognized for their efforts to support their respective Friends organizations.

Our Board nominated Diane Harris, Judy Levine, Vivian Eisenecher and Oliver Smoot to represent our branch at this city-wide event.



The keynote speaker was Patrick Stewart, CEO of the San Diego Public Library Foundation. His point for the audience was “advocacy works.” When the City of San Diego was proposing to cut the funding for libraries, many Friends and patrons wrote letters to city officials and appeared in

person at City Council meetings to press for adequate funding. As a consequence, library funding was actually increased.

Misty Jones, Director, San Diego Public Library, inspired us with how the library plans to use the increased funding to help kids succeed through a variety of programs. And Scott Ehrig-Burgess, Manager Library Shop, gave an entertaining tour of all the branches through a Find Waldo event.

FOL Board Update

This has been a sad and complicated year for leadership of the RB Friends.

Several months ago, Dave Hall, who had been elected President in February, had to resign for health reasons. Dave was an excellent President, keeping us all on task, and (especially) keeping our meetings short and to the point. We continue to wish Dave well, and hope he beats demon cancer.

In some organizations, the Vice President has little to do except relieve the President. Not so, in the Friends. The Friends' two Vice Presidents, Millie Boaz and Jeanne O'Connor-Green, both already carried a heavy workload, but they decided to share presidential duties. This division seemed to be working well when suddenly, with no warning, Millie had a stroke.

So, now what? The Library is depending on the Friends to raise money to support programs and the collection. But no way could Jeanne O'Connor-Green carry her own work, the Presidency, and Millie's work. Dick Luehring, who used to run the semi-annual book sales, stepped up to organize the September 7 Bag Sale. Judy Levine, the immediate Past President, volunteered to be Acting President, and the Board, at a special meeting, made it official.

Judy will call Millie's team together later this month for a review of upcoming tasks. And planning for the Volunteer Appreciation Party under Jeanne O'Connor-Green is proceeding apace and is set for October 26. Concerts are under control, and the Bookshop is running smoothly under Diane Heinz.

The Friends of the RB Library will weather the storm—even as we who knew Millie mourn our loss.

Logo Contest Winner

AnnMarie Johnson is the winner of our RB branch FOL logo contest. We initiated the contest in May to develop a more contemporary look for our Friends logo. We received entries from as far away as Chicago. AnnMarie's was judged to be the best by our panel of judges, which included Board members Jeanne O'Connor-Green, Diane Heinz, Laurie Davidson; and Trish Jenkins, Head Librarian.

The new logo was unveiled at an ice cream social held at the branch on July 20. You'll see it prominently positioned on page one and on the Friends website.



We are proud that one of our local residents is the designer of this new logo. AnnMarie is a graduate of SDSU with a major in graphic design. She has worked in design for more than 20 years, the last 15 as a freelancer.

"I was really pleased to have won the contest," said AnnMarie. "Not only as a designer, but as an RB resident and library patron. RB is a lovely community to live in and now I can take pride in my little role here."

Volunteer Appreciation

Join us for the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Party, which will be on Saturday, October 26, at 17361 Regalo Lane, from 10:00 am to 12:00. We will be serving coffee and refreshments, and having some fun celebrating all the volunteers who support the Friends of the Rancho Bernardo Library. Email invitations will be sent to you soon.

Quilts Help Friends

Many thanks to Friends Anne Templin and Sally Meyer for their support. Sally donated a lovely hand-made baby quilt, and Anne, after seeing it featured in a recent newsletter, gladly made the purchase for her new grand-nephew. How wonderful! The lucky newborn will be surrounded in cozy beauty and the Friends have benefitted by their generosity.

Sneak preview: Another opportunity to add beauty to your life (or someone else's) by supporting the library. Sally Meyer created two lovely queen-size Christmas quilts which she has donated to the Friends. We plan to feature them at a silent auction at the December Bag Sale, but we thought we'd give folks a chance to scoop them up before then. If you're interested, please get in touch with me, Laurie Davidson at donate@friendsofherblibrary.org or 858-472-6540. I would be happy to bring them to you for a closer look.



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Bookshop Helpers Wanted

Volunteers are needed for help in staffing the Bookshop. We need assistance covering regular shifts or as an occasional substitute. Shifts are about three hours; most volunteers work one or more a month. The Bookshop is open every day, so there are opportunities to fit your schedule.

Duties include helping customers with book sales and taking new and renewing memberships. If you'd like to

know more, call Diane Heinz at 847-612-2005 or email at sdheinz@icloud.com.

Book Sales

Our Amazon book sales have been doing very well: We have sold 66 books for \$2,399 as of September. Last year our total sales for the entire year was \$2,390. We currently have 189 books listed for sale. All of those books were donated.

We continue to look for more donations, and this is where you can help. Many of us have "treasured" books that we have not looked at for a long time. The Friends would appreciate if you could part with them, knowing it is for a worthy cause.

Bookshop sales continue to be strong as well. We also would like to receive your gently-used hardcovers or paperbacks in good condition. No encyclopedias, please.

Dick Luehring, Book Sales

In Memoriam



Millie Boaz
1938 – 2019

Millie was a key member of the FOL Board since 2014, most recently as Vice President of Operations. Her knowledge, wonderful organization skills and, especially, her friendship will be sorely missed.

Bookshop Happiness

Once upon a time, I told myself that I'd volunteer to work in the Friends Bookshop. Then other volunteer jobs got in the way. Finally, I signed up with Diane Heinz and had a brief training. Diane told me that there were no openings for regularly scheduled times just then, but she ALWAYS needs substitutes.

This is true. During the month, plans change or people get sick. She sends out an email looking for anyone who is available. You respond or you don't, depending on what works for you. No pressure.

I was concerned about forgetting an instruction...or six. But no worries. There's a clearly-written, beautifully-organized notebook that shows everything we need to know. Routines are spelled out so you can be confident.

So what do I do when I'm there? I remind myself where each type of book is and what's outside the Bookshop. If it's not busy, I check that books are correctly alphabetized so someone looking for a particular book can find it—if we have it. I say hello to people and answer questions like “where are the cookbooks”? But some patrons just like to browse.

I usually do my own browsing and end up either borrowing from the Lending Library or buying a book or two...like the really nice photography book I found. I like knowing that when I pay for a book, the goes to support the library. My library.

It's really rewarding to see happy faces when a ten-year old finds exactly what he's looking for or an adult grabs a book off the shelf and says, “Oh, I've been looking for this.”

Judy Levine, Past President

Friends on the Web

Take a look at our new and evolving website at www.friendsofthelibrary.org. We now feature not only upcoming Friends and branch events, we also link to the San Diego Public Library online calendar where you can see event descriptions and register directly.

The 2019-2020 schedules for both Friends and Discovery concerts are posted,

so you can note the concerts you wish to attend. Detailed programs will be posted the month before each concert.

Are you a writer or interested in local writers? Take a look at Ron Pickett's new Blog (Library>Activities>Creative Writing). Ron has interesting comments, examples of recent works by his writing class and links to good sources for advice.

If you'd like to join the Friends or to make a donation, you may now do that directly on our website. Comments about the website are always welcome. If you experience any difficulties in navigating our site, please let us know, either through the Contact page or by email to

webmaster@friendsofthelibrary.org.

Ollie Smoot, Webmaster

Concert News

The full schedule for the 2019-2020 season is set and all eight engagements are booked. Hosting is being shared among the three-person concert team: Mary Ann Roberts, Cara Geils, and Harvey Levine. Mary Ann will be lead co-coordinator and also manage the concert publicity.

The season will kick off on September 25 with a performance by the Westwind Brass Quintet. The October 23 concert will provide a rare opportunity to hear a baroque period harpsichord, coupled with cello, in a performance of the Bach sonatas for viola de gamba and harpsichord.

Membership Renewals Coming Up Soon

The Friends of the Library membership year runs from January through December, but it is not too soon to renew. If you [renew now](#), your membership will be current throughout 2020. So don't hesitate to extend your membership now, while you're thinking of it.

Remember, Friends get the benefit of checking out new books from the Lending Library, before they're widely available in the general collection. And of course the 50 percent discount at the Bookshop is great, too.