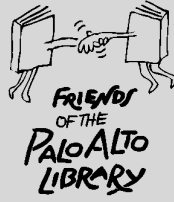


FOREWORD



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Children's Library Campaign Gains Steam

After a strong kickoff in September, the Children's Library Fund is on its way to raising the funds necessary to expand and renovate the Children's Library.

Leading donations, including \$100,000 from the Peery Foundation of Palo Alto, \$50,000 from the Rathmann Family Foundation and several other contributions of \$10,000 or more, have helped the fund reach \$1.8 million toward its \$2.3 million goal.

If that goal is reached, the City of Palo Alto has pledged to renovate the Children's Library, add a new wing and refurbish the Secret Garden.

The Children's Library Fund is a joint project of the Friends of the Palo Alto Library, the Palo Alto Library Foundation, the Library Advisory Commission and the library staff.

"The (Sept. 14) kickoff reception at the Children's Library was everything we'd hoped for," said Katharine S. Miller, president of the Palo Alto Library Foundation. "There were plenty of people there and we had an opportunity to distribute material and have people hear what's going on.

"We were also thrilled to receive an anonymous \$10,000 donation during the kickoff," Miller said.

Local businesses are lining up behind the campaign for Children's Library. On Sept. 24, Whole Foods Market in Palo Alto contributed a percentage of its receipts toward the fund. On Oct. 13, Coldstone Creamery was to do the same.

On Dec. 6, the Klutz Store in Palo Alto will donate 10 percent of its sales to the fund.

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Please Join Us!

Friends of the Palo Alto Library Annual Meeting

**Thursday, October 30, 7 p.m.
at the Palo Alto Art Center**

**7 p.m.: Mini Book Sale and Refreshments
7:30 p.m.: Lecture: "Searching for Leonardo"**

Fernando Vescia, M.D., a former Stanford lecturer on the history of medicine, will speak on Leonardo da Vinci and show some excellent slides. This promises to be a very special evening. (See p. 6 inside this newsletter for a slate of next year's FOPAL officers and board changes as well as information on revised by-laws.)



Buy a Brick for Children's Library

For a donation of \$250 or more to the Children's Library Fund, you may buy a brick for the Children's Library and have it inscribed with a name or a message of your choice.

See page 7 for details!

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Other significant early contributions have come from various Palo Alto families, the Jewish Community Endowment and several law firms. Retiring Children's Librarian Katy Obringer herself has given \$10,000.

The Children's Library Fund began with \$1.2 million in earlier contributions from various sources including the federal and city governments, the Arrillaga family and Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

Earlier this year, an anonymous donor gave \$150,000 to the fund and pledged to donate \$200,000 more if library supporters could raise \$300,000 by Dec. 31. More than \$225,000 of that already has been raised.

Toward that goal, Children's Library Fund campaigners are soliciting contributions large and small.

A popular giving opportunity is the Buy-A-Brick campaign, in which donors may specify the lettering on a brick in the renovated library area in exchange for a \$250 contribution. For details of the program, see page 6 of this newsletter.

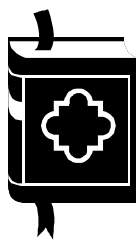
"We're finding that families want to buy a brick for each child, and longtime residents want to buy one as a memorial to their parents who took them to Children's Library," the foundation's Miller said. "It's a really great way for the community to become involved in the effort to renovate and expand Children's Library.

"Children's Library is a public resource, sort of like public radio," she added. "You use it for free, but if you think about the value you're getting, you make a contribution."

--Chris Kenrick



From left, City Council member Judy Kleinberg, Palo Alto Library Foundation President Katharine Miller, School Board Chairwoman Mandy Lowell and Palo Alto Library Foundation Board member Stephanie Anderson share a moment at the Sept. 14 kickoff reception for the Children's Library Fund.



Is Your Reading Private?

Did you know that USA PATRIOT is in fact an acronym? It stands for "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism."

The Library Advisory Commission has been in existence for four years now, and we have spent most of that time working on the New Library Plan and its implementation. But there are other issues facing libraries, and recently we had the chance to meet with the Palo Alto city attorney to discuss the USA Patriot Act and the implications for our library staff and patrons. You may have read newspaper articles about the city's reaction to the Patriot Act, or you may have seen the new brochures available in the libraries, *The Palo Alto City Library & Your Privacy*.

Most of us were aware of the sections of the Patriot Act that have to do with library records. Santa Cruz was in the news earlier this year when its Library Joint Powers Authority Board passed a resolution and posted notices in the library and on its website (<http://www.santacruzpl.org/>).

The resolution states, in part,

WHEREAS, Privacy is essential to the exercise of free speech, free thought, and free association; and in a library, the subject of users' interests should not be examined or scrutinized by others;

And the notice in the library states:

Warning

Although the Santa Cruz Library makes every effort to protect your privacy, under the federal USA PATRIOT ACT (Public Law 107-56), records of the books and other materials you borrow from this library may be obtained by federal agents. That federal law prohibits library workers from informing you if federal agents have obtained records about you. Questions about policy should be directed to Attorney General John Ashcroft, Department of Justice, Washington D.C. 20530.

We agreed that privacy is critical to library usage, and we had questions for both our attorney and our staff: What patron lending data is saved and for how long? What about records of Internet usage? What other information does the library collect and save?

The staff told us that the Patriot Act has not altered staff or system behavior, but has prompted a review of record keeping. In fact, it has always been the policy to keep only that data necessary for business purposes. For example, if a book has been returned on time, the patron record is cleared within a couple of days.

Currently, Internet usage records are not kept, outside the initial sign-up sheets that are tallied and tossed. One error widely reported is that the library bought a shredder specifically to shred patron records to “get around” the Patriot Act. In fact, the shredder has been around for years, and the privacy of patrons has always been protected by city and library policy.

We will soon be moving to a new system for Internet usage – we will be issued “smart cards” that will enable preferences such as filters to be specified (for example, parents will be able to decide what level of filtering their minor children will see.) The new system will erase your cookies and history when you exit the system.

In general the LAC was satisfied that the records being kept are necessary for business purposes, and therefore the library staff is doing all it can to protect the privacy of patrons. We recommended that the policy on retention of records be made available at checkout desks at all libraries, and we were very pleased to see the new brochure *The Palo Alto City Library & Your Privacy*.

--Lenore Jones

Chair, Library Advisory Commission

(The LAC meets once a month, usually on the fourth Thursday at 7 p.m., at City Hall. The public is welcome to attend. You can find the upcoming agenda at <http://www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/clerk/lac.html>.)



Quilt Rekindles Passion for Libraries

Former FOPAL President **Shelby Valentine** has combined her love of libraries and her love of quilting to create “Patrons,” a colorful wall-sized quilt depicting an idyllic library scene.

“Patrons” recently earned an Honorable Mention at the Marin Quilt and Needle Arts Show and also was accepted for exhibition in “New Quilts of California” at the Pacific International Quilt Festival Oct. 9 to 12 at the Santa Clara Convention Center.



“I created this quilt to remind myself of why I put so much advocacy into our city libraries—the patrons,” Valentine said. “‘Patrons’ has helped me renew my energy to support Palo Alto libraries.”

The figures in the quilt, Valentine explained, represent “children sprawled out in any old position; an engrossed adult, at ease with access to a large collection of books; and a senior in a comfortable chair reading in a quiet, well-lighted place.”

Valentine’s quilt was commended by the Marin judges for creativity and choice of topic. In addition to the patrons, the quilt depicts several hundred books, each represented in a different fabric. “The people are in solids, but the books are in prints—music notes, American flags, teacups, fish—all kinds of different things to represent all kinds of different books,” Valentine said. “The only thing three-dimensional about the quilt is the American flag on the top bookshelf.”

Valentine, who began serious quilting after her youngest child, now 15, was born, has won blue ribbons at the Santa Clara County Fair and elsewhere.

--Chris Kenrick



Children’s Library News A Winning Summer for Young Readers

The theme, “Join the Winner’s Circle--Read” was an apt one for this year’s Summer Reading Program. Over 2,400 children and teens signed up and a record high percentage of children (78 percent!) reached their reading goals. For their efforts, they received great prizes--gift books and certificates from the Friends and coupons for discounts at the Friends’ book sale, coupons for free pizza at Round Table, free drinks at In ‘N Out Burger, Giants baseball key chains, and free Great America tickets. The Summer Reading Program is supported by the Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

This is the second year the library has offered on-line registration (for teens, as well as children who chose to sign up that way) and is also the second year of the teen program. As usual, students set their own goals for reading; they can read by themselves or be read to if they are not reading on their own. They are always extremely proud when they come in to the library to collect their prizes, regardless of whether they’ve read two books or 200. This year, a summer literacy program, held at Walter Hays School, signed up all of its 257 children for library cards, and this group had a 100 percent completion of our Summer Reading Program.

A big part of summer reading at the libraries is the wonderful Wacky Wednesday series of programs held all summer long and generously supported by the Friends. These programs included magic shows, animal and science programs, music, and puppet shows. The grand finale held at the Children’s Library featured the San Jose Taiko Drummers and Native California storyteller and dancer Patrick Orozco. Treats were provided by the Friends, and more than 500 attended.

--Melinda Wing
Librarian



Book Sale News A New Place for Bargains

Our new Bargain Room, E-5 at Cubberley, has gone through its first sale. There were a number of stumbling blocks (like finding a cleaner willing to pry the art material off the floor, having more books than we had room for, and so forth).

As always volunteers, unasked, pitched in. Thanks to each and every one.

The volunteers of the month: Edwin El-Kareh, who single-handedly moved all the bookcases—plus books, carts, chairs, 25 big tables and more—over to Cubberley from Terman; and Hershel Smith, who stepped in and put the shelves into the bookcases, which is an arduous job. He arranged the room, found bookcases for the walls and got us started!

Other volunteers shelved books, moved books from the portable to E-5, helped set up and take down. At 7 a.m. on the morning of the sale, customers helped set up 25 tables outside and carry books out to cover them. At the end of the day, unsold books and all the tables had to go back inside. By the time we finished it was 7 p.m.

Next month should be easier.

--Marty Paddock
Book Sale Manager



Privileges of Membership

The saying goes that “membership has its privileges,” and this is certainly true for lifetime members of FOPAL. On Aug. 7, our lifetime members were invited to a private, “members only” book sale in our sales room at Cubberley. Instead of the usual waiting in line and elbowing through the crowd, lifetime members were greeted by a table of delicious refreshments, the strains of beautiful music and the opportunity to browse the newly-stocked shelves in a relaxed atmosphere. While enjoying their refreshments they were able to chat with fellow book lovers and library supporters. Each received a coupon worth \$10 toward the purchase of their books.

Ellen Uhrbrock said this was “the nicest event” and was thankful for the invitation. She came to obtain some Sci-Fi to send to a friend in South America. Ellen admitted that she doesn’t know much about Sci-Fi, but she had the opportunity to consult with John Burt, our Sci-Fi specialist.

Sonia Baker came with her three small children and they spent a delightful family hour together selecting just the right games, puzzles and books. Six-year-old Moriah Baker said “I like to check out the puzzles and the “Magic School Bus” books—it’s really fun!”

Kathy Barnett, a former FOPAL volunteer, drove 145 miles from Paso Robles to attend. Past FOPAL treasurers George Kelly and Bob Jack came as well. David Pollard, who usually attends the Friends’ book sale every month, said he has been doing this since 1978!

Thanks again to all you library lovers and we wish you happy reading!

--Laurie Hastings



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have two sets of welcome & thank you messages. First, those who joined during summer, before our last newsletter was published, and not acknowledged due to space restrictions:

A warm welcome to new members:

Eric Smith, Elizabeth Alexis, Bruce & Mary Bess, Karen Bobonich, Ann Boeckling, Sherry Bruning, Cliff Chow, Julie Cockroft, Yohko H. Fick, Elvia Fernandez Garwood, Irving Gold, Dr. Myrna S. Green, Paul Herk, Richard Herndon, Bob & Susan Hoerger, Brit Katzen, Elsie Kent, Jun Lu, Michael Marinacci, J. Mesick, Sunil Mirapuri, Will Murdock, Jan Murphy, William F. & Rosemary P. Nichols, Howard & Judith Ocken, Stefan Pfaender, Milford Pribble, Richard Roche, Michael Schneps, Barbara Shaughnessy, Richard & Bonnie Sibley, Michael Tallan, Les Tam, Brett Tucker, Ken Turnbull, Wm Vancleemput, Annabelle Varney, Ann Vogel, Mickey Warnock, Naomi Fay Wen, F. Zavatto, Zhi Zheng.

A big “thank you” to returning members:

Wendy Akers-Ghose, Edward P & Mrs. Ames, Noriko Baba, Mary & Bruce Baker, Alice Barlow, Carolyn & John Barnes, The Bass Family, John W & Baum, Richard Baumgartner, Paul V Bearce, Fred Beckner, Bern Beecham, Robert Behl, Rachel & Elton Bell, Mike & Bilha Bender, Sharon Berman, Vivian Blomenkamp, Trudy Bowman, Larry Breed, Edith & David Bridges-Cone, Ann M Briggs, Phyllis Browning, Helen & Carl Bunje, L Beth Bunnenberg, Yvonne Burtness, Nancy & Gary Caldwell, Ruth Carleton, Jeanne & Albert Chin, Diane Christensen, Shirley Coates, Donna & Frank Crossman, Esther Crowley, Stewart & Susan Crown, Loretta Cullinane, Peter De Meo, Bruce E. Deal, Doug Debs, Frederic & Patricia Dentinger, Marianne Dieckmann, Bob Drazovich Family, Marilyn Edwardson, Hoda Epstein, Charlotte Epstein, Raymond Feldman, Ellen Fletcher, Richard & Sydney Frankel, Christine Fraser, Mel Froli, William Frye, Leo & Bess Gabow, Hilary & Hayley Gans, Floyd & Sandy Gardner, Sylvia Gartner, Robert C Gex, Mollie & John Goetz, Denise Grieve, Mickey Hamilton, Ruth & Ben Hammett, Anthony & Mary Louise Hanley, Betsy & Jack Harker, Carroll Harrington, Alice & Alex Helms, Muriel & Robert Herhold, Randolph Hicks, Imogene & Richard Hilbers, T B Hilleary, Sandra Hirsh, Betty J Hofmayer, Tacy & Glen Huffman, Eleanora & Ray Jadwin, Edna Jaffee, Colleen & Patricia James, Irene Jelenfy, Diane & John Jennings, Anne & Charles Junkerman, Erene L Jurgens, Mae Kenrick, Al & Anne Kilert, Marijean King, Peggy & Ray Kramer, Jean F Lalanne, Ed & Miriam Landesman, Judy Leahy, Blanka & Dirk Leeker, Daniel Levine, Jeff

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And, the second set who are our most recent new members and renewals:

A warm welcome to our new members:

Laura Faught, Catherine Crystal Foster, Audrey Garfield, Phyllis Gong, Torben Gronning, Laurie Hastings, Dedra Hauser, Maureen Hogan, Laurie & Jim Jarrett, Evelyn Johnson, Barbara Klein & Stan Schrier, Joseph Lewis, Mary Martinson, Henry Ohara, Valerie Phillips, Leif Samuelsson, Denise Sargent-Natour, Richard & Margaret Schmidt, Cherrill Spencer, Alan Weller, Janet Wiener and Kimberley Wong.

A big “thank you” to returning members:

Lucille Adams, Frances Adams, Janet & Ray Barrett, Frank Benest, Rhoda Bergen, Dawn & George Billman, Marda F Buchholz, Mildred & Allan Chin, G.C. Cobb, Mary & Stan Cottrell, Lisl Day, Dorothy & William Dewing, Thomas & Rose Drewek, Harry Druker, Edwin El-Kareh, Judy & Monty Frost, Jessie Gaspar, Betty Gerard, Alice Painter Gross, Jo Guttadauro, Jean & Mike Higgins, Warren T Jensen, Mary Johnson, Zoe & Mel Kelm, Pat Kinney, Marian Knox, Rosalie Lefkowitz, The Look Family, Bernie Mackay, Edwina McGannon, Elaine Meyer, Emmy Lou Miller, Ellen P. Miller, Dena Mossar, Greg Nelson, Joan Paulin, Susan J Perry, Pat Roberts, Ruth C Satterthwaite, Marjorie Smith, Nancy Steege, Jackie Thomas, Veronica S. Tincher, Elena Vallerino, Ruth Wilson, Katherine & Howard Wolf, and Les & Micki Zatz.

Please look for your renewal date on the address label. Please stay with Friends. We need you more than ever, not only your monetary contributions but also your volunteer efforts and your voice as a library supporter.

--Shantha Mohan



Katy Obringer: Hands On with Children and Books

After her surprise retirement in September, beloved Children’s Librarian Katy Obringer is “taking a little break” while pondering her next step, which undoubtedly will involve children and books.

Obringer, 59, Palo Alto’s head children’s librarian for the past 21 years, wants to get out of the office and back to working directly with children, which is her true love.

“I want to refocus on how I can make a difference in children’s lives,” said Obringer, who was in the midst of painting a newly enclosed sunroom in her San Jose home when contacted for a recent interview. “I found that my position (in Palo Alto) had become 100 percent administrative. That’s fine, because you can affect children that way too, but I needed the intimacy of working with kids.”

When Obringer first came to Palo Alto as an hourly librarian 22 years ago, she already had had a substantial career in education.

While growing up in Logansport, Indiana, she read and played with children in an orphanage near her home and later with children of migrant workers. “My whole life had been spent with education and working with children, so when I went to college I decided to become a teacher. I always hoped to work in the inner city with children who needed just a little bit more assistance.”

During and after college, Obringer worked in the federal Head Start program in Chicago. She later taught elementary school in Colorado Springs, Indianapolis and Rockville, Maryland before arriving California in the 1970s. It was in Maryland that she became intrigued with how librarians could help teachers develop multi-media approaches to education. She got a master’s degree and worked as a school librarian in San Jose before arriving at the Palo Alto Children’s Library.

“I just have this passion to work with kids and connect them with reading and the ability to read and the enjoyment of reading, and the Children’s Library certainly allowed me to do that,” Obringer said. “All of the places I’ve worked—I’ve loved every one of them for different reasons.”

A lover of storytelling, Obringer was instrumental in the many story hours that have become a highlight of the Palo Alto Children’s Library program. She plans to remain active in the Peninsula Storytellers Guild, Neighbors Abroad, storytelling at Gamble Garden Center and judging the children’s categories in the Palo Alto Weekly Short Story Contest.

“I don’t know what I’m going to do next yet, but I’ve got several ideas,” said Obringer, proceeding to elaborate on three or four of them, all involving children, adults and reading. “To make me happy, I have to be directly working with the people.”

--Chris Kenrick

A Warm Welcome to New Volunteers

Welcome to another terrific group of volunteers. **Ann Boeckling** (sorts new donations); **Julia Chandler** (sale floor person); **Ellie Director** (sorts new donations and researches books on the internet); **Carl and Shirley Finfrock** (sort new donations and do pickups); **Yohko Fink** (cashier); **Julia Grey** (cashier); **Joshua Koran** (brand new and already managing the huge section of business books); **Betty Moore** does mysteries, which is one of our largest sections; **Andy Niemic** (checks out and prices donated computers and is **Althea Andersen's** Saturday "muscle man"); **Yuan-Ling Tseng** (Oriental languages); **Usha Parker** (cashier); **Nicolai and Toni Sapounov** (National Geographics); **Barbara Sloan** (sorts new donations); and **Scott Underwood** (single-handedly manages our Downtown Library book sale shelves). Note that volunteers in charge of subjects sort, price, arrange and cull their collections. Many volunteers do double duty on set-up Fridays before the sale and/or on Saturday sale days. New to the set-up crew are **Dane Fouts** and **Jonathan Gassme** working with **Dave Rearic** on the heavy stuff. We also welcome **Liz Davis** who has taken over non-fiction and **Lynn Hum**, who helps with the sale and the pickups.

You can join our terrific volunteer crews by spending just three hours a month as a cashier or floor attendant at a sale, or join the Friday set-up crew or take on special projects. We need lots of volunteers to sort books—and search for treasures-- from the huge numbers of boxes of donations received every month and folks to search the Internet for prices on these treasures. Stop by Cubberley between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and **Marty Paddock** or **Althea Andersen** will show you around, or call the bookroom 213-8755 for more information.

--Barbara Silberling
Book Sale Volunteer Coordinator

Annual Meeting Agenda

The Friends of the Library Nominating Committee proposes the following new directors for the upcoming year: **Martha Schmidt** and **Patricia Stoll**. The committee proposes the following returning directors for new, two-year terms: **Wendy Akers-Ghose**, **Jeff Levinsky**, **Bob Otnes**, **Marty Paddock**, **Barbara Silberling** and **Karen White**. Departing directors are **John Burt**, **Shelby Valentine** and **Cecilia Rodriguez**.

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for the upcoming year: President, **Jeff Levinsky**; Vice-President, **Wendy Akers-Ghose**; Secretary, **Martha Schmidt**; Assistant Treasurer, **Bob Otnes**. The Treasurer job remains open.

The Board of Directors will submit revised by-laws to the membership for approval at the Oct. 30 Annual Meeting. To review them, please see the Friends of the Library web site, www.friendspaloaltolib.org.

--Chris Kenrick

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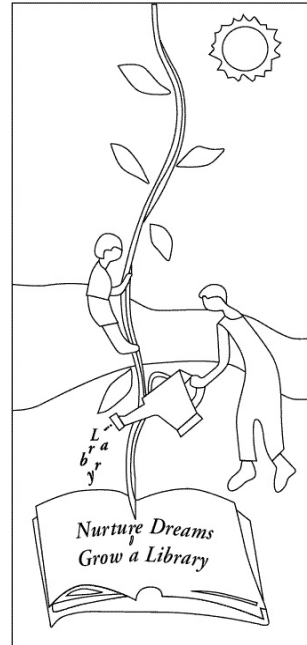
"Buy-a-Brick" Program

For your gift of \$250 or more, you may Buy-A-Brick for the Children's Library and have it inscribed with a message of your choice.* It's a wonderful way to participate in this very special campaign.

Children's Library is a victim of its own popularity. Its use today far exceeds its capacity. Since it opened 63 years ago, event attendance, the collection and circulation have skyrocketed. Popular events often attract crowds of 300 to a space that was built to accommodate 30. This historic treasure has given over 60 years of service with no updates or renovations.

Now it's our turn to give back. To renovate and expand Children's Library as well as renew the Secret Garden, we must raise \$260,000 by the end of 2003. Please give generously.

Thank you!



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Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Rd.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Library Commission: Fourth Thursday

Council Conference Room, 250 Hamilton Ave. 7 p.m.
See <http://www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/clerk/schedule.html>
to confirm meeting date and time.

Board of Directors Meeting: First Wednesday

Cubberley Book Sale Room
4000 Middlefield Road 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Book Discussion Group: Second Thursday

Lucie Stern Community Center Fireside Room
1305 Middlefield Road 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For information, call Crystal 961-1528
*For a list of the books reviewed in the past, driving directions, and
other information,
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Great Books: Second Wednesday

Oak Creek Apartments Club House
1600 Sand Hill Road, Palo Alto. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
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