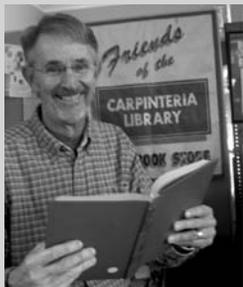




Friends of the Library

a letter from the chair



Dear Friends - We have a lot to be proud of and we have a lot to be excited about.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the persistent hard work of our many volunteers, and the love of reading of our many customers, our book sales for the first six months of our fiscal year have been very impressive; and we have had two successful "Lawn Sales" of excess books.

Our Board decided to spend \$6,000 of the additional "matching" \$10,000 we are donating to the library this year on seven new computers for the library, which will be ordered soon. The funds we raised at the Lawn Sales and at our very successful Centennial Celebration (see accompanying article) will be set aside for the future renovation and expansion of our library.

Our future is full of exciting, challenging, and, ultimately, rewarding projects that will contribute further to improving our library.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Best Regards,
Foster Markolf

from our librarian

Happy New Year and thank you for your support as we continue through these exciting and challenging times. The library was a busy place in 2010. I would like to share some statistics, as they indicate just how much our library is valued. Total circulation of local materials was 89,246, and we provided another 10,072 books and media through inter-library loans. Library computers were used 19,493 times, and this does not include the constant use of wi-fi by people with their own laptops.

Throughout the year 6,410 children attended

programs and special events, and the afternoon homework center was used 11,478 times. As soon as school was out, 768 young readers signed up for a very successful summer reading program.

Looking to 2011, a bank of new computers will soon be installed. I would like to thank the City for giving \$10,000 to match the Friends of the Library's challenge.

Thank you again for your support – this keeps the flow of new books and media coming and allows us to maintain our open hours. Visit your library often and check out what's new!

Tara O'Reilly

Winter

January 2011

Giant Lawn Sale at the Bookstore

First Saturday
February 5
10:00 - 2:00



Overflowing with
books!
It's lawn sale time!



John Wullbrandt's cover for a Campbell Grant book, sold at the silent auction.

renovation and expansion project

Kicking off with the Centennial Celebration

Happy Birthday Carpinteria Library! After 100 years serving the community, our library enjoyed a well-deserved birthday bash on November 6. Nearly 200 people packed the party, and by the last bite of cake the Centennial Celebration had netted over \$9,000 to help pave the way for the library's second century as a critical asset to the community.

We are especially grateful to over 30 local painters, collage artists, graphic artists and printmakers who created art pieces as covers for their favorite books, and helped make the event a true celebration of literature. These unique and personal pieces were showcased at the event and sold in a silent auction.

The Friends of the Library Board also presented conceptual plans for a library modernization project in the early stages of planning. Event attendees were given a glimpse of improvements designed to bring the library into the 21st century and to allow it to best serve Carpinteria in its second century.

We want to thank the Carpinteria Woman's Club for generously donating its clubhouse for the Celebration. This brought the library full circle to its origins, the product of many years of hard work and fundraising by the Woman's Club at the turn of the 20th century.



Library BOOKSTORE

The bookstore is in high gear, doing its part, as the Friends raise money for the Library improvements. We have plenty of new-to-us books each week thanks to generous donations from our customers and community.

Our volunteers supply read-this suggestions to anyone who seeks a different author. Come on in and check out the wide array of choices.

Enjoy this gem of a bookstore!

memorial donations

In memory of
Vern Mesick
the Mesick family

In memory of
Viola Nelson
Carol Diamond

In honor of
Betty & Herman Zittel
Zoe Iverson and Gib Johnson

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Winter

Into the 21st. Century

Our love for our local library was clear at the Centennial Celebration, but also floating through the room was many a whispered discussion -- will libraries continue to be relevant as we move deeper into the Digital Age?

Certainly they will -- our library is serving more people and offering more diverse services than ever before, and while younger people are learning to use libraries in different ways than generations before them, our library can and should remain as central to the life of our community as it has been for the last 100 years, in ways both traditional and new.

Visit the library on a warm day and you'll see young men and women sprawled on the grass or sitting on benches with laptops using free wi-fi to search for jobs or apply to college. Inside you'll find inquisitive children, students of all ages, people

our library community

building skills in technology and language, retirees expanding horizons, tourists passing through, and families attending English literacy workshops.

Please join us as a Friend...
or renew your membership

Our library is for everyone, and everyone comes. The Friends of the Library help Tara O'Reilly and her staff keep the library going by providing funds for new books and media, additional technology, summer and evening programs, and necessary supplies.

Thank you for being a Friend of the Library. Please continue your support of our Carpinteria Library by renewing your Friends membership for 2011, and even increasing your contribution.

With our helping together, the whole community benefits. Thank you.

January 2011

Carpinteria Library Calendar

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Thursdays, 10:30am

A time to share the joy of reading, rhyming and storytelling fun with your preschoolers.

CARPINTERIA WRITERS' GROUP

Tuesdays, 10am-12noon

Join local authors to share and discuss each others' work.

BOOK CLUB, every 3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm

Lively discussion of monthly book selection. Co-sponsored by Coastal View News and the Carpinteria Library. Call the library 684-4314 or stop by for current title. All are welcome.

BOOKSTORE LAWN SALES, every 1st Saturday, 10:00am

Great prices and large selection at our monthly sale on the lawn outside the bookstore.

F.O.L. BOARD MEETING every 2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm

All members are welcome to attend the monthly Board Meeting at the library

Jan 18, 10:30am

The Tortoise and the Hare
Presented by Wonderworld's Puppets

Jan 18, 6:00pm

A Princeton Review test and college admissions expert will help students raise their ACT scores.

Jan 20, 10:30am

Kindermusik with Kathy

Feb 17, 10:30am

Stories and Songs with Putnam Lee

Mar 17, 10:30am

PCPA Theaterfest Outreach presents:
"Oliver Button is a Sissy"