Greetings! - from the Branch Manager

Hello, Well I am a lot more settled in the chair that I have inherited. We have had our open house, I have weathered central meetings and have been a happy participant in my first Friends and LAB meetings. We have had some exciting programs such as Shakespeare, Ballet Folklorico and several great children’s programs, such as Lego’s and a Build, Make, Create program including a 3D Printer. I have reached out to the community at large and have begun to build partnerships to have even greater events and community connections for our library. We are busily working on LumaCon, our partnership with the high school librarians of both Casa Grande, and Petaluma, and we cannot wait to see how it unfolds. A great deal of the teens and tweens of Petaluma are either involved or planning to attend. Included is a table by this very own distinct Friends group. And as always, our wonderful staff is here to guide you through your access to information and wonderful books no matter what form they are in.

- Joseph Cochrane
  Branch Manager

Commissioner’s Comments

Sixty three percent of the people of Sonoma County were willing to add an 1/8 of a cent sales tax to support our Library and the County system. That was very heartening. Unfortunately, we needed sixty seven percent to pass Prop M. Many have asked, “What’s next?” The Library Commission has formed a committee to explore revenue enhancement options. In the meantime, we are expecting that the library staffing, programs and hours will remain pretty much as they are. I would like to thank the members of the Petaluma Library Friends for your support for the campaign, and for your continual support for the Petaluma Library. You do so much. Thank you seems inadequate.

- Tim May
  Library Commissioner

Electronic Newsletter Distribution

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Newsletter Mailing List Cleanup

Does the upper right corner of your mailing label contain a 2 digit year code (15 or S12 or Y09 or P12 for example)?

If the year code is less than 14 then we have not heard from you in at least 12 months. Please use the membership form attached to renew your membership and ensure that you keep receiving the Friends of the Petaluma Library newsletter.

If you decide to cancel your subscription please use the same form to let us know.
President’s Message

Dear Friends!

Our Friends Board has voted to add a new “At Large” member. He is Stephan Hamilton. Both he and his wife, Fiona, have been working very hard at our Book Sales for a couple of years. The November Book Sale was the best in a long time with an income of $5,961.39.

Again, thanks to the workers and shoppers. We’re glad to assist the Petaluma Library during these trying times. Don’t forget to either volunteer or shop at the February Book Sale.

- Emily Roeder

Staff Changes at the Petaluma Library

This has been a popular topic in our last couple of newsletters so why change now?! Petaluma Library has recently added Diana Spaulding to the staff. Diana is our newest librarian and will be taking on teen services and adult services. Diana is a Petaluma resident and is well-known in many circles in town. She will be a great asset to our staff and has lots of energy and many ideas for future projects.

Simone Yingst has also joined the staff as our ten hour/week Technician II. Simone lives in Petaluma and is a graduate of Sonoma State University. She has just begun the Master of Library and Information Science program at San Jose State. She is not yet sure what she’d like to specialize in but we know she will make an excellent librarian.

- Kate Keaton

Honoring Doug Cisney

From all accounts, Doug Cisney is enjoying his well-deserved retirement. When Doug left, a fund was started to have a leaf or acorn placed on the Library Tree to honor Doug and his work at the Petaluma Library. This fund was started in the midst of lots of change at the library and so we are taking this opportunity to put out the word to all the friends of the Petaluma Library. There is still time to contribute to this fund. If you would like to contribute, you can make checks payable to the Friends of the Petaluma Library and send to the library at 100 Fairgrounds Drive.

Correction to last quarter’s newsletter:

After the last newsletter was published, we received a call from a concerned reader about our Read to A Dog program. Our reader was concerned about the library staff allowing dogs in the public library. We want to assure everyone that the dogs in the Read to a Dog program are trained service animals. Our Behavior of Standards adopted by the Library Commission only allow for service dogs to be in the building. Furthermore, children’s services staff would only want dogs that have been well-trained to sit next to children during this program. Well-trained dogs are critical to the success of this program as we want the children to be able to focus on reading and sharing a story.

Brown Bag
Book Discussion Group

Second Tuesday of every month
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Helen Putnam Community Room

February 10
THE GOLEM AND THE JINNI
by Helene Wecker

March 10
DOG STARS
by Peter Heller

April 14
ART OF HEARING HEARTBEATS
by Jan-Phillip Sendker

May 12
THE FAULT IN OUR STARS
by John Green

Annual Spring Art Show
Co-sponsored by
the Petaluma Art Association
and the Friends of the Petaluma Library

Friday, March 6 - Saturday, March 21
Reception Wednesday, March 11
from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Featured artist this year is Maria A. Bales
Petaluma Regional Library
FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION
The Nominating Committee names as candidates the following slate of officers:

President:                      Emily Roeder
Vice President:                Carol Russell
Secretary:                     Rory Keller
Treasurer:                     Margaret Smith

Nominations may be made from the floor with the nominee’s permission.

The meeting will be held Saturday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m.
in the Helen Putnam Community Room

Local Author Abraham Schroeder to Speak
After the meeting local author Abraham Schroeder will be reading from his first children's book, The Gentleman Bat, followed by a discussion of bats and some of the hidden details in and the inspiration for the book. Copies will be available for purchase and to have signed.

Upcoming Programs
We are looking forward to many great programs ahead. In the Children’s Department, we will have our usual storytimes. We will also be adding a bilingual storytime on the first Saturday of the month at 10:15 a.m. until May. This storytime will be presented in English and Spanish and will be presented by Guadalupe who did our excellent Dia de Los Muertos program this year. We will have a Valentine craft program available for children who visit the library between Tuesday, February 10th and Friday, February 13th. During Spring Break, we will have our Paper Airplane program on Saturday, March 28th at 11 a.m. We will also be offering a Minecraft program on March 28th. This is a program provided by a grant for our library system. This program is limited to 12 students and registration is required and begins February 28th. A Money Smart program for school age children will be held on Saturday, April 18th which will emphasize financial literacy. Children will have the opportunity to “buy” art supplies and then do arts and crafts. And, finally, we are booking a local author Abraham Schroeder to do a program. He has done one children’s picture book The Gentleman Bat and has a new title coming out this Spring.

For adults, we will have a program celebrating Multi-cultural Poetry on Wednesday, April 15th at 6:30 in the evening. Poetry in English and other languages will be shared.

Master Gardener’s Classes

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10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
in the Helen Putnam Community Room.
The programs are open to the public free of charge.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Volunteers are needed for the book store and book sales. Applications will be available at the Winter Book Sale.

Contact Anita Greene at 707-762-5003 to volunteer for the book sale.

-Please-
No donations from February 14 - March 4
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Thursday - February 26, 10 am-5 pm
Friday - February 27, 10 am-5 pm

DEAL DAY
Saturday - February 28
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BAG SALE - $2 PER BAG
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