



*f*riends of the REDWOOD LIBRARIES

NEWSLETTER

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The Board meets the 3rd Thursday each month.
Call 269-1995 for more information.

April 2017

Eureka Humboldt County Library Information 269-1930

FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR,

Vanessa Christman

Hello, again! While our library staff continues to plan excellent and engaging programs and provide excellent services to the public right now, I'm very busy with budget planning for our next fiscal year. Unfortunately, this process uncovered an unwelcome surprise for me. As Friends and supporters of the library I wanted to let you know that the library is projecting up to a 6% budget shortfall, and unfortunately we don't have the capacity to absorb that loss due to our library fund balance (essentially our "savings account") being consistently depleted because of years of financial losses. Right now we are facing the prospect of making cuts to the library to help bridge this gap and break even.

This is unwelcome news, and probably surprising to some of you. Library staff are so excellent at carrying on through tough financial times and operating on a shoestring, and it's hard to understand facing the prospect of service cuts and layoffs with a (slightly) positive economic forecast for the next fiscal year. However, our level of funding (as a % of property tax revenue) hasn't changed substantially since 1978, and we're trying to operate a 2017 library with a funding formula from a bygone time.

As dedicated supporters of the library, I need your help. In order to drum up greater community support for the library I need you to talk to your friends and neighbors about what this library means to you. Tell stories. Talk about the library's importance to the community. Call influential friends and community "movers and shakers" and let them know that you value library services in Humboldt County. Feel free to talk openly about our challenges, and let the community know that it's only through their understanding and support that we will be able to thrive and grow.

Also, in light of this news, I want to reemphasize the importance of your support and volunteer work on behalf of the library system. We would be in a much more perilous position if not for you.

FROM THE PRESIDENT,

Marilyn Tucker

I would like to underscore the concern that Vanessa has expressed. While our newsletter often shares the financial successes of the Friends through our book sales and the Serendipity Book Store, it is important to remember that the money donated by the FRL and other Friends groups is used to support library activities, but it does not supplant the Library's budget!

On a positive note, I would like to share with you a wonderful moment. On Tuesday, April 4, the County Board of Supervisors entered a Resolution congratulating the Friends of the Redwood Libraries for the success of the Serendipity Book Store. Its founder, Frances Rapin, was given a standing ovation!



Vanessa Christman, Frances Rapin, and Nina Bryant. Nina, along with Frances, has been with the store since the beginning.

Our Mission is to support the needs and programs of the Humboldt County Library system

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Officers and Directors normally serve for two years, beginning on July 1.

Election for 2017-2018 will be held at the Annual Meeting on May 20, 2017. The following slate of officers and directors has been accepted by the present Board. As always, nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting.

Terms July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019:

Marilyn Tucker, President
Debbie Reis, Recording Secretary
Calista Sullivan, Corresponding Secretary
Donna Andersen, Director
Lauren Gogan, Director
Jim Cech, Director
Abigail Ryan, Director

Continuing Board Members, terms ending in 2018:

Hilary Stephens, 1st Vice President
(serving out Barry Ross's term)
Stephanie Hillman, 2nd Vice President
Karen Palmer, Treasurer
Yvonne Kassatkin, Director
Kay Kirsten-Belschner, Director (serving out Hilary Stephens' term)
Marjorie Malcolm, Director

Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Yvonne Kassatkin, Kay Belschner, Hilary Stephens, and Marjorie Malcolm.



CALL FOR CALENDAR ART

It's that time again! We are inviting all children, from age 5 to 12, to enter a drawing to be considered for the 2018 calendar! If a child in your life has a favorite book or character in a book, we'd love to see it!

Applications are available in the Serendipity Book Store and the children's section of the Eureka Main Library. You can also send an e-mail to rmtuck@suddenlink.net and receive an application by email.

If you would like to be a sponsor to help defray the cost of the printing of the calendar you can send any amount, marked "Calendar" to Friends of the Redwood Libraries, P.O. Box 188, Eureka, CA 95502. Your donation is tax deductible.

SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017,
1:30 P.M.**

ANNUAL MEETING

State of the Library, Library Director,
Vanessa Christman.

Election of officers.

Community Service Award: Scott Brown and Eureka Books.

PROGRAM:

The speaker for our Annual Meeting will be author Pamela Foster.

She has written novels, *Redneck Goddess* and

Bigfoot Blues, **PAMELA FOSTER, AUTHOR** as well as

Clueless Gringoes in Paradise, memoir of her move with her husband to Panama with "nothing but a suitcase and two giant service dogs"; and *My Life with a Wounded Warrior*, a collection of essays chronicling her struggles as the spouse of a disabled vet. Her latest work is a literary Western novel, *Ridgeline*.



We'll see you at the Annual Meeting!

The Tuesday night movies are back!



Theme this time is: **FEUD: BETTE (Davis) vs. JOAN (Crawford)**

If you missed NOW VOYAGER and SUDDEN FEAR, you may still have time to see ALL ABOUT

EVE on April 18 (hosted by Bob Doran) and *WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO BABY JANE?* (hosted by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill) on April 25. Movies are free. Come to the Eureka Main Library at 6:30 p.m. Licensing is paid for by the Friends of the Redwood Libraries.

Welcome to our New Friends

Stephanie Hillman

Joanna Boatright, McKinleyville
Beth Bray & John Bennett, Eureka
Stephanie Brown, Eureka
Lynne Burnside, McKinleyville
Nancy J. Busler, Eureka
Dianne Byington, Eureka
Karen Childers, Eureka
Rochelle Clarke, Rio Dell
Elizabeth Cox, Eureka
Liz Davidson, Redway
Laura Dodd, Eureka
Nathan Downey, Eureka
Phil Edmonds, Eureka
Sherrie Fielder, Eureka

Barbara Fields, Eureka
Hans Gerstader, Eureka
Joseph Hale, Eureka
Alexandra Hulman, Eureka
Paula Jacobs, Arcata
Hollie Klingel, Eureka
Galesoli Koo's, Eureka
Jessica Kostick, Korb
Nicole McCollum, Eureka
Donald Murphy, Eureka
Sandie Meyers, Arcata
Carol Nielsen, Eureka
Kelley Lynn Nielsen, Eureka
Susan Peacock, Crescent City
Dawn-Ann Rypkema, McKinleyville

Fran Salstrom, Eureka
Linda Styles, Eureka
Judith Stoffer, Eureka
Shane Thurston, Arcata
Tom Truesdell, Arcata
Mandalen F. Well, Eureka
Anthony Willoms, Fortuna
Yarbers Family, Loleta

**We look forward to seeing
you at our next sale!**

SUMMER READING PLANS

Jeanine Lancaster

Summer Reading will begin again in June at the Eureka Main Library and in all branches. This year's theme is "Reading by Design", and the library programs will feature books and activities inspired by engineering, construction, art, fashion, jewelry-making, and other human efforts that require design thinking. The Friends of the Redwood



Libraries have once again agreed to help fund visits from special performers to all libraries for parties to kick off the summer of fun. A new aspect of the program this year is a partnership with local radio station 95.5 The Bay!KBAE. KBAE is offering local businesses the opportunity to be a radio sponsor of Summer Reading, to promote the program all summer long. Interested businesses can contact Jennifer Chierici at sales@kbae955.com or at (707)497-4022.

BOOK SALE APRIL 28 AND 29

Once again, the sale will begin at 10 a.m. on **Friday, April 28** and go until 5:00 p.m. As a courtesy to FRL members, the Friday sales are open to Friends of the Redwood Libraries members only. If you are not a member, you may purchase a membership at the door. It just costs \$5 for an individual membership and is good for a whole year. Your membership also gives you the quarterly newsletter, either by mail or e-mail—your choice.

The sale will continue on **Saturday, April 29**, from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. It is not necessary to be a member for Saturday sales.

In the meeting room you will find non-fiction books, children's books, literature, and media materials.

For this sale only, in the garage: If you are looking for great fiction to read—mysteries, science fiction, romance, westerns—come to the garage! Remember, **for this sale only! Paperback books may be purchased for 25 cents each** and hardback books may be purchased for 50 cents each. **See you at the sale!**

BOOK SALE April 28 & 29

Friends of the Redwood Libraries - Membership Form

Name: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Check one: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Go Green: Receive Newsletter by Email ☐

☐ Individual.....\$5 ☐ Family.....\$8 ☐ Business.....\$35 ☐ Contributing.....\$15
☐ Sustaining.....\$25 ☐ Life.....\$250 ☐ Patron.....\$1,000 Please make checks payable to FRL

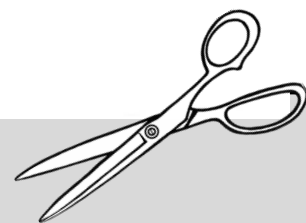
Please check your interests in volunteer work:

☐ Book Sales ☐ Book Store ☐ Book Sorting and Shelving ☐ Publicity ☐ Reporting
☐ Online Support ☐ Other: _____

Drop off this form at the
 Serendipity Book Store
 Humboldt County Library, 2nd Floor
 Eureka, CA



Or mail this form to:
 Friends of the Redwood Libraries
 P. O. Box 188
 Eureka, CA 95502-0188



☐ Please check the box if you would like to receive your newsletter via e-mail instead of regular mail. By receiving the newsletter electronically you will save money that can be used for the Library.

News from Ferndale

Ingrid Pfeiffer

The Friends of the Ferndale Library are actively spreading the word around Ferndale to become more involved with the library. So far the Village Club, the Garden Club and the Chamber of



Commerce have gotten on the bandwagon to help with the endeavor. The *Ferndale Enterprise* added a new monthly column, "*Bookworm*", that features articles relating to the many things the library has to offer.

Still taking baby steps, we have a wonderful group to work with and the future looks promising. "Story Hour" is a new program for us, starting on April 13.

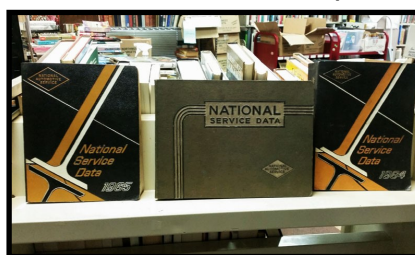
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Kim Hinkle

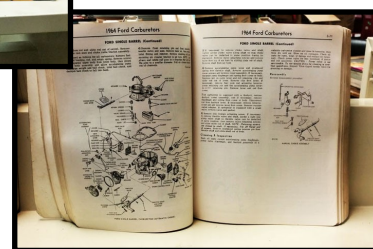
The Blue Lake Library now has story times every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 11:30, followed by crafts! Crafts are sponsored by First 5 Humboldt.

AUTOMOTIVE MANUALS AVAILABLE!

Serendipity Book Store has a collection of six National Service Data Manuals 1964-1969, as well as the 1962-1963 Final National Service Data manual published by National Automotive Services. These are repair manuals for many



makes and models of cars and trucks that were used by service stations and garages.



Interested? Call us at 707-269-1995 or come in to the store to look them over!

NOTE: The Newsletter is printed quarterly. We look forward to hearing about Friends' and branches' upcoming activities and events. Send your articles to Marilyn Tucker, Newsletter

\$500,000!

The **Serendipity Book Store** opened its doors in October, 1999, the “brain-child of Past President and long time Friends of the Redwood Libraries’ volunteer, Frances Rapin.



Frances Rapin in the Serendipity Book Store

The Book Store, located on the second floor of the Eureka Main Library, recently passed the \$500,000 mark in total sales since its beginning.

It is run totally by volunteers and sells books, media and a few other items that have been donated.

Stephanie Hillman reminds us that it is important to note that sales from other sources have also played a significant part in providing the funds we are able to donate to the Library. From its launch in May 2000 through June 30, 2016, our internet sales operation raised \$111,273 and from July 2004 through the end of fiscal 2015-16 our quarterly book sales raised another \$62,777. These sales, together with those in the book store and monetary donations and membership dues above the basic level, made it possible for the Friends to provide gifts totaling \$652,450 during the period from July 1, 1999, to June 30, 2016. This impressive figure was only possible because of the support and generosity of our Friends and members of the public who support our sales. Thank you to all of you!

AUTHOR FESTIVAL IS COMING

The Author Festival committee is preparing for another wonderful event. The festival is produced biennially on odd numbered years, so the next one will be October 18-21, 2017.

The Children’s Author Festival is unique in that it transports 25 authors to 60 schools in Humboldt County. About 13,000 students get to meet and interact with an author! Authors inspire students to want to read and write!

In order to have the Author Festival it is necessary to raise \$20,500 from the community to supplement the \$24,000 that is received from three foundations, the book

sale, and school registration fees. The Friends of the Redwood Libraries supports the Author Festival with an annual gift of \$1,500.

Check out the Author Festival web site at www.authorfest.org



Friends of the Fortuna Library

Carol Kinser, President

Friends of the Fortuna Library held their annual book sale and dinner on March 11. This was a very successful fund raiser, as people from all over the county came to shop and have a wonderful dinner prepared and served by Milt Conley and his family. It was wonderful to have so many good quality children’s books this year as well as some valuable special books. We especially want to thank all of the volunteers who helped as well as the many who donated the books.



At our annual brunch meeting in January, officers for 2017-18 were installed. Pictured are Sean Flynn, Director; Dale Harris, Treasurer; Marsha Hays, First Vice President; Nancy Ziehm, Secretary; and Carol Kinser, President. Missing are Amy Conley, Second Vice President, Irma Silva, Director, and Jane DeHaan, Past President.



BOOK SALE
April 28, 10 to 5:00
(Members Only)
April 29, 10 to 3:30
(All Welcome)
Humboldt County Library
1313 3rd St., Eureka

SCOTT BROWN AND EUREKA BOOKS TO RECEIVE 2017 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



**EUREKA BOOKS AT
426 2ND STREET, EUREKA**

The Community Service Award for 2017 will be presented to SCOTT BROWN and EUREKA BOOKS at the Friends' Annual Meeting on May 20. The award is accompanied by a \$2,000 donation to the Library, to be used as the recipient chooses.

A long-time Business Member of the Friends, Scott has supported the Library and the Friends in many ways, perhaps most importantly by handling the purchase of the books offered for sale at the biennial Humboldt County Children's Author Festival. Having Eureka Books handle the operation, which required a huge outlay of money in advance, has greatly reduced the strain on the organization's budget and relieved them of time-consuming and complex bookkeeping.

Scott has assisted the Friends in so many ways, such as donating numerous books for us to sell and helping to evaluate books for listing on the internet. His assistance and expertise have been invaluable!

The Friends is most grateful to Scott Brown and Eureka Books for their support and we are glad to have this opportunity to acknowledge it in this manner.