



NEWSLETTER

January 2024

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The Board meets the 3rd Thursday each month.

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From the FRL President, Debbie Reis

Our Annual Holiday luncheon was held at the Humboldt County Main Library on Thursday, December 14th. Michael Logan and Ronda Wittenberg were our guests of honor. Both retired in 2023. We thanked them for their service, totaling 89 years! They were each given a Life Membership in the Friends of the Redwood Libraries. The Luncheon was followed by a fantastic performance from the McKinleyville Community Choir under the direction of Jon Reisdorf and Steve Lewis with accompanist Steven Reis. The luncheon was a great success. Thank you to Stephanie Hillman for organizing, and Willa Mauro for decorating.

Several board members and volunteers attended the HLF Gala on December 5th. It was a wonderful event. Thank you, Humboldt Library Foundation, for the invitation and the complimentary tickets.

2024 Children's Art Calendars are on sale for \$10. Pick one up from the Serendipity Book Store, the Circulation Desk, or the January Book Sale. (Ed. Note: they can also be mailed to your home. Check out this newsletter or the web site, eurekafrl.org, for an order form.)

Speaking of Book Sales! The October sale raised over \$4,000 for the Library. This was the largest sale to date. Our next sale is January 26th (members only) and 27th (everyone welcome). Hope to see you there!

A Friends of the Redwood Libraries membership makes a great gift and supports your local libraries.



BOOK SALE

Friday January 26

10 am to 3:30 pm

FRL Members only.

Memberships may be purchased at the door.

Saturday January 27

10 am to 3:30 pm

Everyone is welcome.

Hardback: \$1.00 Paperback: 50¢ Media: 25¢

Book Donation Hours: Friends of the Redwoods Libraries appreciates donations of your gently used books. Donation hours at the Eureka library are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon when volunteers are available to assist you. Please call 707-269-1995, email us at friends@eurekafrl.org or review the donation policy at www.eurekafrl.org to ensure your books will be accepted.

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MICHAEL LOGAN RETIRES AFTER 36 YEARS



December 22nd marked Michael Logan's last day as a member of the Library staff, a position he first held in 1987. After being hired as a page in March of that year while finishing up his BA at Humboldt State, he advanced to a position of Library Clerk in the Circulation Department on a part-time basis that December. He became a full-time staff member in 1989, remaining in that position until he transferred to the Technical Services Department as a Library Assistant in 1995. In 2001 he was promoted to Senior Library Assistant.

Michael's interest in film led him to found in 2005, with Cindy Denbo, the Library's very popular *Based on the Book* classic film series. He had sole responsibility for the series from 2007 until it was halted by the pandemic in 2020. During much of the same period he also served as a volunteer and board member with the Eureka Theater.

In 2007 Michael enrolled in the Master's program at San Jose State University while continuing his regular responsibilities with the Library, graduating with the MLS degree in 2012. In 2016 he became manager of the Library's Acquisitions and Technical Services Department, a position in which he served until his retirement.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



At last the Friends of the Redwood Libraries resumed their annual Holiday luncheon, this time in the meeting room of the Eureka Library. Food catered by Cassaro's Catering was delicious.

A special treat was a musical presentation by the McKinleyville Community Choir.

Michael Logan and Ronda Wittenberg were honored with Life Memberships in FRL.



NEWS FROM CHRIS COOPER, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

On Thursday, December 28, 2023, Ana Jordan retired from the Humboldt County Library after more than 37 years of dedicated service.

Ana Jordan was born in Honduras, the daughter of Angel and Hilda Corral. She grew up in Humboldt County with one brother and five sisters. As a child her fondest memories were enjoying family picnics, and especially heading inland to warmer weather.

She started her career in administration and office management at Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) in San Francisco. In 1986, Ana filled out a job interest card with the county and was notified of the job opening with the library. She was interviewed by former Humboldt County Library Director Judy Klapproth and Assistant Director Lisa Naef, who informed her that it would be a few weeks before she would hear from them. By the time she arrived home from her interview she had a message on her answering machine offering her the position. Ana's primary work at the library was offering administrative support for all branches of the Humboldt County Library system, accounts payable and receivable and payroll.

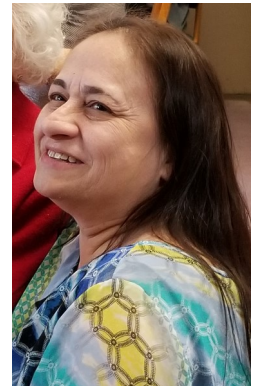
One story she remembers from her work life has stuck with her. "I am usually the first one in the building. I was working upstairs one morning and went down to the circulation workroom to put on coffee, only to find the fire department cutting into the children's room wall. No alarms went off since the fire was on the outside of the building. They were as surprised as I was to see them in the building!"

Ana has not only been our numbers person. She cares deeply about HCL staff and library partners. Ana would do whatever she could to help people with daily tasks and long-term support for grants, creative problem solving, and answering questions about library policies and procedures.

Ana has enjoyed the people she worked with, and those she met through associations, such as members of the Friends of the Redwood Libraries. Ana enjoyed the fast pace, and various responsibilities of her position. "There was always something that needed to be done."

Ana is someone who is a creative thinker, and is sensitive to life's many details—large and small. "My nieces say that I have everything that you could think of or might need in my closet, from wrist bracelets to birthday candles." About her creativity, Ana says, "I am a person that always has a project, knitting, crochet, cross stitching, etc. I enjoy staying up all night since it's the best time for me to focus on my projects."

Please join me in congratulating Ana on her retirement.



THANK YOU, RICHARD!!!!

Richard Perry is a security guard who is known and respected for his calm demeanor and care for the safety of the patrons, staff, and volunteers at the Main Library in Eureka. He also keeps a watchful eye on Serendipity Book Store and frequently drops in to buy books for himself or family members. A Humboldt County native, Richard is so impressed by the work of the Friends that he generously donated a cord of firewood to be offered on behalf of FRL at the Library Foundation auction fundraiser in December. Thank you so much, Richard. FRL appreciates your support!

MEET THE ARTISTS in the 2024 CALENDAR!

Members of the FRL Calendar Committee finally met many of the children who created the amazing artwork that can be seen in the 2024 Children's Art Calendar. The young artists came to the Hagopian Art Gallery in the Eureka Main Library, where their art was displayed during the months of November and December. It was fun meeting parents, siblings, and grandparents—and photographing the children with their artwork



THESE CHILDREN HAVE THEIR ARTWORK EITHER IN THE "MONTHS" OR HONORABLE MENTIONS:



Olivia Rivera, 5 Lizzy Gibbons, 9 Alice Gibbons, 6 Milo Frachon, 5 Hazel Coonen, 8 Veda Vance, 8



Elora Steffen, 12 Jax Budesha, 6 Marlee Lawson, 7 Tenley Weeks, 12 Addie James, 9 Theodore James, 7



Terryn Matthews, 8 Bella Beard, 12 Lily Baldwin, 12 Violet Pool, 6 Cassidy Lloyd, 10 Lily Ward, 10

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN ARE NOT PICTURED, BUT THEIR ARTWORK IS:



Zoe Rossiter, 9 Rowan Dunn, 7 Vasili Tokarev, 7 Ivan Tokarev, 9 Olive Conley, 10 Elizabeth Pimentel, 10 Miles Jackson, 13



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Hannah Westergard, McKinleyville
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Heather Wiswell, Carlotta
Thomas Yeomans & Jane Tartaglia,
Eureka

MESSAGE FROM THE FRL TREASURER,

With the hard work and dedication of the volunteers plus the support of our members and customers, the Friends of the Redwood Libraries has been able to present to the Humboldt County Library \$19,292.00 this year. This amount comes from the proceeds from the sale of books through the Serendipity Book Store, our quarterly book sales, and our internet book sales. Another contribution to this amount has come from the sales of the Children's Art Calendar.

Sandie Hazel



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IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT? CHECK THE LABEL

Do you have your 2024 Children's Art Calendar? There are still some available. You can find them at the Circulation Desk in the Eureka Main Library or in the Serendipity Book Store upstairs in the Eureka Main Library. If you would like to have it mailed to you, postage paid, just use this order form. Price is just \$10, and ALL proceeds go to support the Humboldt County Library System.

		NOW AVAILABLE!	
		FRIENDS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARIES 2024 CHILDREN'S ART CALENDAR	
Mail this order form with a check for \$10 for each calendar to the following address:			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">CHECK PAYABLE TO FRL</div>		Friends of the Redwood Libraries Calendar 988 Diamond Drive Arcata, CA, 95521	
		Price includes postage, and calendars will be mailed to you.	
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