



## NEWSLETTER

April 2024

### Board of Directors:

Debbie Reis, **President**  
Stephanie Hillman, **1st Vice President**  
Donna Andersen, **2nd Vice President**  
Elizabeth Haynes, **Recording Secretary**  
Barb MacTurk, **Corresponding Secretary**  
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**Directors:** James Cech, Marjorie Malcolm,  
Willa Mauro, Bill Cech, Michelle Sievertson,  
Marilyn Tucker, and Deb Whitman.

The Board meets the 3rd Thursday each month.

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### From the FRL President, Debbie Reis

Friends of the Redwood Libraries Volunteers have been very busy preparing books for our April Book Sale. Friday the 19th is for FRL Members only. Memberships can be purchased at the door. Saturday the 20th is open to all. Doors open at 10 a.m. and close at 3:30 on both days. Hope to see you there!

The FRL Serendipity Book Store on the 2nd floor of the Eureka Library is open every day the Library is open. Stop by and check out the great selections. New inventory is added weekly.

We still have a few of the outstanding Children's Art Calendars. They can be purchased at the Circulation Desk in the Eureka Main Library or in the Serendipity Book Store for the reduced price of one dollar (\$1)!

Thank you for supporting the Friends.

### BOOK SALE



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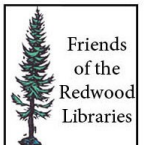
**Saturday April 20** 10 am to 3:30 pm

**Everyone is welcome.**

**Hardback: \$1.00**

**Paperback: 50¢**

**Media: 25¢**



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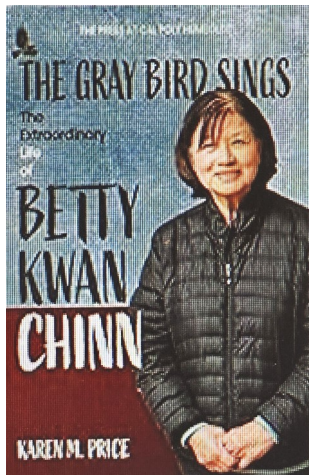
#### GOOD FOR:

One (1) free book at the  
Friends of the Redwood  
Libraries Book Sale on:  
April 19, 2024  
(members only)  
&  
April 20, 2024  
10am to 3:30pm  
Eureka Branch

This year the Friends of the Redwood Libraries will participate in the *Party for the Planet* at the Sequoia Zoo on Saturday, April 13. We'll have an information table and will be handing out coupons entitling the bearer to a free book at our big Spring Book Sale the following weekend. Be sure to stop by and pick up your coupon!

**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](mailto:friends@eurekafrl.org) or review the donation policy at [www.eurekafrl.org](http://www.eurekafrl.org) to ensure your books will be accepted.

## **SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 22**



It is our pleasure to announce that our special guests and speakers at this year's Annual Meeting will be honored humanitarian Betty Chinn and Karen Price, author of *The Gray Bird Sings: The Extraordinary Life of Betty Kwan Chinn*. They will talk about the book and Betty's life and work. Copies of the book, published last year by the Cal Poly Humboldt Press, will be available for purchase, and Betty and Karen will be pleased to sign them.

Our program will be preceded by a short business meeting that will include the election of officers for the coming year (see Nominations) and a report on the State of the Library by Director Chris Cooper. We will also be presenting the annual Frances Rapin Community Service Award.

Please join us on Saturday, June 22, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Eureka Library.

## **Nominations for FRL Board, 2024-25**

**The Nominating Committee has recommended, and the Board has approved, the following nominees for 2-year terms beginning July 1, 2024.**

1st Vice President: Stephanie Hillman

2nd Vice President: Beth Haynes

Treasurer: Michelle Sievertson

Directors: Sandie Hazel, Laura McEwen, Marjorie Malcolm, Robin Jenkins

**Nominated for 1-year completion terms are:**

Recording Secretary: Willa Mauro

Director: Donna Andersen

**Continuing unexpired terms will be:**

President: Debbie Reis

Corresponding Secretary: Barb MacTurk

Directors: Marilyn Tucker, Bill Cech

**An election will be held at the Annual Meeting on June 22. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time.**

## **Pop-up Sale a Success**



Thank you to all our Friends who made our pop-up sale on Friday, March 15, a success. We put a lot of books into new hands and raised over \$400 for the Library. Reusing books is an important way to preserve our natural resources and reduce water and energy use. What a nice way to give our suffering Earth a little relief! Now it's time to prepare for our regular quarterly sale, coming up on April 19th and 20th. See you all there, and don't forget to rest a spell and read a good book.

Bill Cech

## NEWS FROM CHRIS COOPER, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

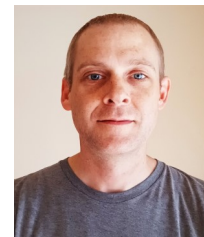
### Library Operations Manager Sean Hinman

Please join me in welcoming Sean Hinman, Humboldt County Library's newly appointed Operations Manager. Sean joined the team on February 20, 2024.

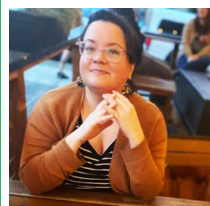
Sean has been getting to know his talented staff in the Library's Circulation and Outbound Services divisions. He has been consulting with his predecessor Ronda Wittenberg to learn vital information about this unique position including systems administration and network security protocols.

Prior to joining HCL Sean served as the Assistant Circulation Supervisor for the Boise Public Library. Sean has an MLIS degree from Emporia State University, a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design, and Organizational Leadership Certification from Boise State University.

Sean's accomplishments include playing a significant role in developing a COVID era, library-based computer lab while BPL was closed to the public, developing and leading programs in technology literacy and creative design software. His library experience includes planning and monitoring budgets, implementing an Automatic Materials Handling System at the Main Library in Boise, and participating on a city-wide project team to create a new payroll system for City of Boise.



### Library Division Manager: Acquisitions and Technical Services: Corin Balkovek



Corin Balkovek, HCL's newly appointed Library Division Manager: Acquisitions & Technical Services started in her new role on March 3, 2024. She was the top candidate in a very competitive applicant pool. Prior to this appointment Corin served six years as Librarian for Humboldt County Library's Adult Service division. As a materials selector for the Humboldt County Library, Corin brings wide-ranging knowledge of literature and library materials to the HCL team.

She is detail-oriented and she has broad project management skills. Corin's accomplishments include serving in the lead roles for two major Library events—HCL's *Be Well* mental health fair and the Community Resource and Business (C.R.A.B.) fair.

In Fall 2023, Corin participated in *LEAD*, Leading, Educating, and Developing—a dynamic and engaging one-week residential leadership development designed for local government department heads, supervisors, and rising stars. The institute is based at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Corin will continue to provide some support for the Adult and Youth Services divisions until the Library hires its new Library Division Manager to lead that unit.

### Extra Help Librarian II/Supervising Librarian Ryan Keller

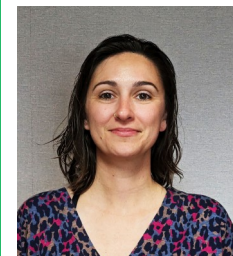
Starting April 1, part-time, extra-help Librarian II/Supervising Librarian Ryan Keller will join Team HCL. Ryan will provide capacity for the Youth Services Division. We are very fortunate to have such a well-rounded and visionary new team member to provide much needed support for Humboldt County Library communities.

Many of you know Ryan in her role as the former Learning and Library Media Specialist for the Humboldt County Office of Education. At HCOE Ryan served as credentialed librarian overseeing a consortium-style school library and teaching resource lending program. She also served as a learning specialist supporting TK-12 educators in our vast, rural community through coaching, workshops, conferences, and other professional learning opportunities.

Ryan has a rather unique background and training, as a professional librarian as well as a math educator, with high interest in other areas including educational technology, media and information literacy, and mindfulness and well-being across the school community.



### Library Assistant I/Senior Library Assistant Hannah DiGennaro



HCL is excited to announce the hiring of part-time, extra-help, Library Assistant I/Senior Library Assistant Hannah DeGennaro. Hannah started her appointment on March 20, 2024.

Hannah has been volunteering with Shoshanna at HCL since August 2023, assisting with youth services programming and outreach. Hannah is currently enrolled in Cuesta College's Library & Information Technology certification program. She has a B.A. in Religious Studies from Humboldt State University. Hannah is pleased to officially join the amazing library team and meet and learn from her colleagues.



## FRL Membership Matters!

We're so glad you are a member of FRL. But do you know what you get as a member? Well, to start with, you get this newsletter. We produce it 4 times a year and you'll get one before each of our quarterly book sales. So, it serves as a reminder to come out for our members-only days. And that's another perk of membership. Members can attend book sales on Friday to get first chance at our large and varied selection of books. As a member you have a vote at our Annual Meeting. This is where we elect our board. But to me, the best membership perk of all is the satisfaction I receive from supporting literacy, the library and our community.

In January, Sandie Hazel, our treasurer, reported that FRL donations to the library amounted to more than \$19,000 last year. That's a pretty substantial contribution, but we aren't just providing resources to the library; our quarterly book sales get books into the hands of so many people! You, as a member of FRL, contribute to this success. We thank you for your contribution.

We're working to improve our communications too! If you already receive your newsletters by email, you should have received notices about the March 15th pop-up sale of non-fiction. We'll be uploading all email addresses to our new email system soon so that we can contact you about future special events, even if you receive your newsletters by mail. If you want to receive all FRL communications by email, you can notify me at [ehaynes@mnsi.net](mailto:ehaynes@mnsi.net) or by adding your email to your renewal form (don't forget to check the email newsletter box at the bottom of the form).

And speaking of renewals, our new email system will allow us to send individual renewal notices to those of you who receive your newsletter by email. Printed newsletters include expiry dates, but in the past it was not possible to include this information in the emailed news.

I look forward to seeing you at the membership table at the next book sale!

Beth (Elizabeth) Haynes, Recording Secretary

## NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Spring has definitely sprung in the Children's Room recently! We have had large numbers at our storytimes with books on frogs, rainbows, baby animals, bugs, ducks, and gardening. We enjoyed a marvelous Family Literacy Party with local singer-songwriter, scientist, and dad Carl Meredith. Shoshanna has made visits to many Leap into Literacy preschool site family literacy meetings and playgroups and has led several school field trips leading to repeat visits by teachers and families. Our Middle School art and writing club has gained some participants, and tween patrons are really excited about the first Escape Room program. Zombies! Right now the Youth Services staff is very excited at having Hannah DiGennero and soon Ryan Keller join our team, and that the Supervising Youth Services Librarian position is open for applicants.



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\$25 SUSTAINING       \$ 35 BUSINESS       \$250 LIFE

\$1,000 PATRON

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PLEASE CHECK YOUR INTERESTS REGARDING VOLUNTEER WORK:

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PUBLICITY                       INTERNET BOOK SALES

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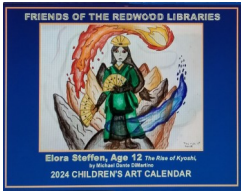
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- Brandy Parker, Eureka
- Ryan Christie, Fortuna
- Dan Couch, Eureka,
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- Patricia Galleguillos, McKinleyville
- Erik Garcia, Arcata
- Emilie Goldsam, Eureka
- Amanda Hall Kunze, Eureka
- Jo Hay, Mad River
- Alison Herson, Cutten
- Vickie Holland, Eureka
- Dolly Krasinski, Fortuna
- Richard LeGrand, Arcata
- Flow Lemus, Eureka
- Rose Pagsnick, McKinleyville
- Victoria Reeder, McKinleyville
- Sophie Rocheleau, Arcata
- Geraldine Scott, Eureka
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- KM Burke, Arcata
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- Cilladean Hopkins, Eureka

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN!**



If you have or know of a child between the ages of 5 and 12 who likes to read and also enjoys art, we are now preparing for the 2025 Children's Art Calendar! Watch for information in the website, [eurekafrl.org](http://eurekafrl.org) or check out the Serendipity Book Store for applications soon. Again, the theme for the calendar will be *A Book I Have Enjoyed*.

Remember, all children who enter a picture will receive a certificate for free books at the Serendipity Book Store.

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## **BILL MOEHNKE RETIRES**

On February 28 Bill Moehnke retired from the Humboldt County Library. Over the course of Bill's career he worked in three of the Library's divisions and three different library locations in both public facing service roles and in various technology and technical processing roles behind-the-scenes. He began in 1981 as a Library Clerk. Over the years Bill helped transition the County Library to technological frontiers; from the opening of our first public computer center to twice migrating the Library's vast collection catalog and patron accounts to new, integrated library systems.

Bill was known for educational and lively library tours. He served as the coordinator of the Humboldt Room docents, and his knowledge of library history made him an asset to the public and staff. Bill most recently served as Senior Library Assistant in the Library's Circulation division. He provided supervision and support for the Library Page staff, who shelve library materials. We are grateful for the many decades Bill has contributed to our Library, and we wish him the best of luck in his well-deserved retirement. "I am looking forward to retirement and have many things on the calendar to accomplish!" Mr. Moehnke said. "It's been a rewarding, fun, and interesting 43 years at the Humboldt County Library!"

