



# friends of the REDWOOD LIBRARIES

# NEWSLETTER

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The Board meets the 3rd Thursday each month.

May 2012

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## From the President, Ray King

These are exciting times for the Friends of the Redwood Libraries. Well, times are always exciting for the FRL...

We recently held our first Silent Auction, and the results were gratifying. Up for the



auction were 14 books by author Lemony Snicket: the complete saga, *A Series of Unfortunate Events*; and *Horseradish*, pithy wisdom out of the mind of Mr. Snicket. With an estimated value of \$26, our generous patrons bid the price up to \$36. Thanks to our first winner, Kailey Fuerstenberg, and our other enthusiastic bidders. As always, all

proceeds go to support the Humboldt Library System.

For April our Silent Auction was for a Cat Goodies Gift Basket, valued at \$100. The starting bid was \$1, and we recently heard that it was up to \$45. Bidding was to end on April 28, 3:30 p.m.



## News from the Director, Victor Zazueta

On April 6 I submitted a proposed budget for the Humboldt County Library to the County Administrative Office, and on June 5 the proposed Humboldt County budget will be presented to the Board of Supervisors followed by a budget hearing on June 11 and final adoption of the budget scheduled for June 26. This coming fiscal year will prove to be another challenging one with revenues below normal and expenditures rising. The Great Recession has impacted every sector of our economy and no one is immune.

In January I began discussing with the local owner of Tsunami Wireless, Todd Williams, the possibility of providing free wireless connection and also connecting the public-access computer at the Blue Lake branch library with broadband internet.

Tsunami Wireless is a wireless internet service provider that has begun providing high-speed Internet to communities along the Highway 299 corridor that do not have broadband infrastructure. By February, 2012, working with Blue Lake city officials and County IT staff, Tsunami Wireless began making Wi-Fi available during the Blue Lake branch library's open hours, Wednesdays from 2 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On March 28 I attended one of the County Administrative Officer's Community Outreach Budget Meetings at McKinleyville Middle School. CAO Phil Smith-Hanes presented to a small audience the challenges faced by the County and answered questions regarding solutions.

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors at the April 3 meeting recognized April 8 through April 14 as National Library Week by proclamation and invited county residents to visit their library in celebration. Ray King, President of the Friends of the Redwood Libraries and Marge Custis, Vice-President of the Humboldt Library Foundation were both in attendance.

**BOOK SALE MAY 11 AND 12**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Nominating Committee has made recommendations for Friends of the Redwood Libraries officers for the year 2012/13. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on June 23, at which time nominations from the floor will also be accepted.



Recommendations:

1st Vice President (6/14): Eileen Hayhurst

2nd Vice President (6/13); Yvonne Kassatkin

Corresp. Secretary: (6/14): Suzanne Kellawan

Treasurer (6/14): Stephanie Hillman

Directors:

Walt Frazer (6/14); Barry Ross (6/14);  
Nancy McQuillan (6/14); Marilyn Tucker (6/13); Ruth Harvey (6/13)

Continuing Board Members (all terms expire 6/13):

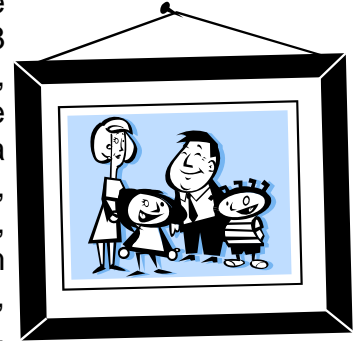
President: Ray King

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## IF YOU DON'T TELL YOUR STORY .....WHO WILL???

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Redwood Libraries will be held in the large meeting room of the Main Library, 1313 3rd Street, Eureka, at 2:00 p.m. on June 23. There will be a short meeting, election of officers, and greetings from President Ray King, and Library Director, Victor Zazueta.



A program will be presented by Marilyn Tucker, who will share some methods of self publishing a book of memories, along with other ideas for passing along family history.



All are invited, and everyone is welcome to bring books or materials that have been produced to revive the past.



Below: Ronda Wittenberg and Betty Chinn

Above: just a few of the multitudes of Volunteers who give of their time and talents.



## Volunteers Celebrated

The Library Staff recently treated the many Volunteers to a special brunch to thank them for their dedication and hard work. Betty Chinn, who has received numerous awards, including the second highest Presidential award given to a civilian, gave an inspirational presentation about her reasons for helping others.

Betty told about her childhood in China where she suffered through the Cultural Revolution and lived on the streets. Now living in Humboldt County, she devotes her time to helping homeless people and those in need.

## Our New Friends *Stephanie Hillman*

Welcome to the following new members who have joined us during the past three months:

Mickey Ball, Arcata  
Rebecca Beames, Arcata  
Linda Benzel, Carlotta  
Michael & Rebecca Crosby, Eureka  
Marilyn Dillard, Eureka  
Darren Dunn, Arcata  
Sheila Evans, Eureka

James Gaasch, Arcata  
Robin Gray-Stewart, Eureka  
Benjamin Grunbaum, Arcata  
Lynn Gurnee, Eureka  
Jean Harvey Eureka  
Amy Howering, Arbuckle  
Dave Jones Family, Eureka

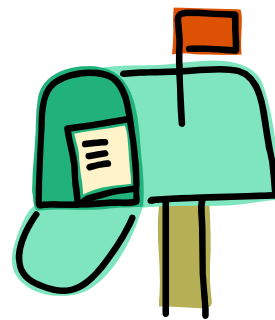
Ali Lone, Arcata  
Bonnie MacEvoy, Arcata  
Joan Ormond, Arcata  
Ned Peck, Bayside  
Gene Price, Eureka  
Nancy Rickard, Arcata  
Vicki Zeitlin, Loleta

## Gifts to the Library

During February through April the Friends provided \$5,490 to the Library for the purchase of books and other library materials and \$300 for professional development. Our gifts for the current fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2011, now total \$24,252. Funds for these gifts come from bookstore, internet and book sale proceeds, as well as from the sale of Liberry Jam and the 2012 Children's Art Calendar. Memberships above the basic level and donations, including memorial donations, also provide funds.

## Check your Label Now Don't Wait for the Sale!

We hope you'll plan to take advantage of our Members Only evening at the sale on Friday, May 11. Please check your mailing label now to make sure your membership is current and, if you need to renew, won't you do it now so you don't have to wait in line that evening? Just send in your check with the form you'll find in this issue. If you prefer, you may renew in the Serendipity Bookstore or by going to [www.eurekafrl.org](http://www.eurekafrl.org) and clicking on "Become a Member." It couldn't be easier!



## Our first 2013 Calendar Workshop was a Success! The second one was held April 21. *Ray King*

FRL and our local young artists are already hard at work on the 2013 Art Challenge Calendar. Before we get into news about last year's effort: some words about the 2012 Art Challenge Calendar.

The 2012 Art Challenge Calendar sold out late in March, making the calendar a rip-roaring success, and there are plenty of people to thank. Thanks to all the excellent young artists who contributed to the calendar. Thanks to the generous sponsors whose donations allowed us to keep the cost of the calendar affordable for Humboldt families. To see the artwork, and to see the list of sponsors, please visit our website at [eurekafrl.org](http://eurekafrl.org) and follow the link to "Art Calendars".

The 2013 Art Challenge Workshops were a success, thanks to Roger and Jane Cinnamond. We are already receiving fine artwork for the 2013 Calendar. Last day for submissions is August 31. Art Submission Forms are available in the Serendipity Book Store, and online at [eurekafrl.org](http://eurekafrl.org). And now a few tips for the young artist: to get your work published in the Calendar and on the FRL website, Have Fun, Be Bold, Be Big, and Let Your Imagination Play.



**BRANCH NEWS:** The Newsletter is printed quarterly. We'll look forward to hearing about your Friends' upcoming activities and events. Send your articles to [rmtuck@suddenlink.net](mailto:rmtuck@suddenlink.net).

*Marilyn Tucker, Newsletter Editor.*



### Good News from Kenzie Mullen

I'm pleased to announce that, having raised \$400,000 toward our \$450,000 goal, we are ready to break ground for the new Trinidad Library! (That amount doesn't even include the generous gift of the property from Glen and Janis Saunders.)

It will be at noon on Sunday, May 20, at the site of the new library, next to the new museum and Saunders Park, at the corner of Patrick's Point Drive and Main Street.

This is an amazing feat for the small town of Trinidad. There has been an effort to build a permanent home for the Library (founded in 1914) for the past 20 years. A dedicated Friends of the Trinidad Library and Library Building Committee has made this dream become a reality in the face of many setbacks. The Friends of the Trinidad Library started in 1991.

The huge majority of the money comes from local donations, both large and small. What a community! Please come and join us. And thank you all for your support through these last 25 years.

### Trinidad Garden Tour *Darlene Marlow*

The Friends of the Trinidad Library will hold their annual Mother's Day Garden Tour on Sunday, May 13, from 12:00 to 4:00. Tour gardens in and near Trinidad for \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families. Plant sale plus quilt and stained glass raffles will be held at Town Hall. Tickets are available at Town Hall, and also Mary Wilbur will sign copies of her autobiography at Town Hall. All profits go to the Library Building Fund.



Wadi Rose, President of the Trinidad Friends, has reminded us that famed pianist, Jeanne Newhall, presented a lovely concert of piano and song as a fund raiser for the Library.

### FORTUNA LIBRARY DAY A HUGE SUCCESS! *Carol Kinser*

March 10 found 1,200 people at the Veterans' Memorial Building shopping for great book bargains. Friends of the Fortuna Library had more books available than ever before and there were customers who came back more than once to load up on reading material. Schools in the Eel River Valley contributed art work and Fortuna High's culinary class again catered the dinner. The Friends were able to add \$6,500 to their treasury which will allow for the purchase of new books, materials, and equipment, as well as provide special programs for the Fortuna Library.



### BASED ON THE BOOK CONTINUES

April showcased four tension-producing movies, including the 1958 Titanic movie, *A Night to Remember*. Watch for the announcement of the next series which is scheduled for July. Remember the Friends of the Redwood Libraries pays the licensing fees for the films!





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Contributing-----15.00

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(Make checks payable to FRL)

Please check your interest in  
doing volunteer work:

Book Sales       Book Store

Book Sorting and Shelving

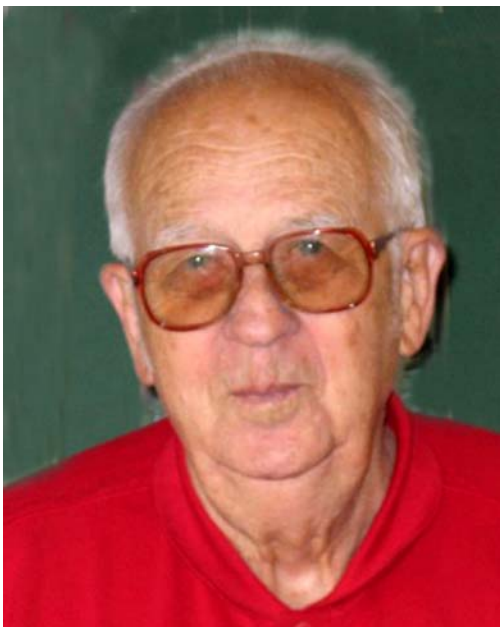
## Friends Bid Farewell to Marcie Murphy

Long-time Volunteer Marcie Murphy has left the area to be near family. Many Friends gathered at Gonsea Restaurant recently to honor and surprise Marcie, and



to let her know that she is appreciated and will be missed.

Marcie served on the Board for several years; she was our liaison with the Author Festival; and she also worked in the Serendipity Book Store and at the quarterly sales.



## OUR FRIEND, CARL ZANDER

The Friends were saddened this winter by the loss of Carl Zander. Carl had been with the Friends for twelve years, and had been a resident of Humboldt county since 1949. A whiz with computers and Photoshop, Carl had been responsible for designing posters for the Friends' Quarterly Sales, and served as a Director on the FRL Board, a sorter in the FRL space at the Library, and a docent in the Humboldt Room . He also designed cards with his photographs sold in the Serendipity store to benefit the Library. FRL volunteer Jim Siebert, Carl's former co-worker and friend for almost 40 years, wrote a remembrance of Carl that can be viewed at the FRL website at [www.eurekafrl.org](http://www.eurekafrl.org).

: Carl Zander

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**BOOK SALE**  
**May 11 , 5-7:30 p.m.**  
**(Members Only)**  
**May 12, 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.**  
**(All Welcome)**  
**Humboldt County Library**  
**1313 3rd St., Eureka**

Return Service Requested

**IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT? (CHECK THE LABEL)**

## Connie and Doc Johnson Receive 2012 Community Service Award

When we elected Connie Johnson President of FRL, in the spring of 2007, we didn't realize what a good investment we were making—we got two wonderful supporters for the price of one! Throughout that time, and continuing since then, both Connie and her husband, Doc, have done so much, in so many ways, to help the Friends—



from moving tons of books to prepare for and clean up after book sales to providing financial support for the Children's Art Calendar. Through their business, *The Farm Store*, they have raised hundreds of dollars for us in several ways: by selling Liberry Preserves and giving us all the profits, by making us the beneficiary of their annual Pet Fair and by placing our donation jar in their store. In addition, they provided us with a huge collection of pet related trinkets to sell in the Serendipity Book Store, as well as a continuing supply of unused plastic bags for our customers' purchases. Connie and Doc have supported the Friends, and the Library, in so many ways that it's impossible to name them all. We can think of no one who is more deserving of this year's award.

The Community Service Award recognizes the recipients with a certificate and with a donation of \$2,000 to the Library in their names, to be used as the recipients specify.