



# FRIENDS

## OF THE PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY

# Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

CHRIS SEIDEL



One of the items addressed in the Friends' strategic planning document is advocacy. And, advocacy there was on December 18, 2013 when three members of the Friends' board of directors addressed the Palm Springs City Council to stress the need for renovations to the library center. Cathy Brant, Marie Weigel (and 10-year-old son Chris) and yours truly spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting noting the library's crumbling infrastructure and need for major updating. In addition, Linda Futterer represented the Library's Board of Trustees. The use of Measure J funds to finance at least a considerable portion of the renovation cost was touted.

Representatives of the planning firm having developed preliminary studies for a renovation presented an overview of the proposed project, which at the time of the meeting totaled slightly less than \$15 million. While generally receptive to the presentation, council members asked that less expensive versions be prepared for consideration as well. Councilman Mills pointed out that of the \$15 million estimate at least \$5 million represents repairs required for the infrastructure.

On January 9, Mayor Steve Pougnet, in his annual State of the City address, noted four areas to which the Council has agreed Measure J funds should be directed, which included the library. So, we are encouraged.

I am pleased to report on another positive Friends' development. The boards of directors of the Friends and the Palm Springs Community Concert Association have authorized a cooperative promotional program whereby each organization will apprise its members of events being held/sponsored by the other. This will be accomplished primarily by means of a mass e-mail announcement (sometimes referred to as an e-mail "blast"). It is important to emphasize that no individual e-mail addresses will be shared, thus assuring the privacy of each group's members. Such a partnering effort, it is hoped, will increase attendance at each organization's event—and possibly membership as well.

With respect to future events, stay tuned for information on several being sponsored by both organizations in the near future.

In conclusion, I would remind you that if you have any suggestions, comments, complaints or praise for the Friends, please do not hesitate to contact me at [chrisin312@aol.com](mailto:chrisin312@aol.com) or 760-832-7682.

### BOOK SALE NEWS

RICHARD ELLIS

Our one-day-only Bag Day sale was a resounding success. The J.C. Frey Building was packed with boxes of books that we have accumulated throughout the year. Scores of eager book-buyers thronged the room, paying just \$3.00 a bag. Total sales exceeded \$1,000.

The remaining books will be donated to Angel View. They recycle the books for pulp, the sale of which brings them much-needed money to fund the good work that they do.

Thanks to all who helped and to George for the great idea to do this sale! Needless to say that this will be repeated next year.

Our next event is the Annual 3-Day Sale that will be held Friday, March 28 is "Member Only" night, from 4 until 7 p.m. Saturday, March 29 from 9 until 3, and Sunday, March 30, from 9 to 1.



### IN PASSING....

It is with profound sadness that we write of the passing of two of our loyal members, Fran Nunan and Hank Levy.



Fran Nunan of Palm Springs, California passed away on October 4, 2013 at her home in Palm Springs. Her childhood was spent in the rural area of northern Idaho. After graduating high school she enrolled at Lewiston State Normal School to earn a teaching credential. She later earned advanced degrees from University of Southern California and Azusa Pacific.

Frances came to Palm Springs in 1945 and became a member of the Palm Springs teaching staff. She was preceded in death in 2002, by her husband, Dr. Seamus Nunan, whose career also was in education. She enjoyed volunteering, traveling, and playing tennis.



Dr. Henry "Hank" Levy, former Coordinator of Music, Art and Media for the Waukegan, Illinois School District, died September 30 in San Diego. He was 81. He is survived by his wife,

Derry Levy, who was a teacher at Cooke Magnet and Glenwood Schools. Their four children, David, Sabrina, Sara and Ruth, graduated from Waukegan East High School. Hank and Derry retired to Palm Springs where they were very active in the Friends of the Library for many years. Hank served as president. Derry started the book club and served on the board as secretary.



**LIBRARY STAFF– (left to right):** Yrene, Linda, Anna, Scott, Shelly, Tam, Jeff, Nancy, Sharon, Mary, Sue, Jean, Sheryl, Zach, Krystle, Jeannie, Julie. Not pictured: Judy.

## DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

JEANNIE KAYS

### *Happy New Year!*

This is a time of year when we set new goals and aspire to better ourselves. Some people want to lose weight, read more, clean out that dreaded closet, or get their financial house in order. Not surprisingly, the Library can help you in all these areas. We have fitness DVDs and a significant collection of healthy eating cookbooks and diet books. Want to read more? Pick up one of the books on our Staff



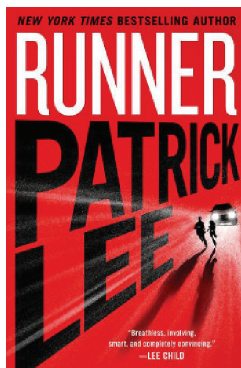
Picks display or visit our Overdrive page to download free eBooks. In December, over 700 eBooks were checked out from our collection. Want to clean out that closet? If it is full of books you no longer need, donate them to the Friends and get a tax deduction. Speaking of tax deductions, did you know donations to the Friends are tax-deductible? When you work to get your financial house in order, consider leaving a portion of your estate to the Friends of the Palm Springs Library.

No matter what you do, from donating books to the Friends or buying books at the book sale, every quarter counts! You make a difference and we thank you for supporting the Palm Springs Library.

### *What I'm Reading:*

I'm nearly finished with "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn. I have heard people say, "You either love it or hate it." I am leaning on the "loving it" side. It's a suspenseful tale of a wife who disappears and a husband who looks guiltier the more he says.

Using the website, [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com), I compiled a list of books I read during 2013. Goodreads is a great way to remember what books you want to read or track what you have read in the past. My two favorite books read last year are "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak and an advanced copy of "Runner" by Patrick Lee. "Runner" is being re-released February 18, 2014 so mark your calendars and GET THIS BOOK!



"The Book Thief" is set in 1939 Nazi Germany. Many book clubs have read this book for good reason.

### **Donate While you Shop at Amazon.com**

When you shop at Amazon utilizing the link on the our Friends website, a percentage of your purchase comes back to support our Library, and there is no extra cost to you -- just another way you can support the Library! Simply log onto our website, [www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org); click the Donate tab at the top of the page, then click on Donate While You Shop (on the drop down menu). You'll be taken directly to the Amazon link!

### **Volunteer opportunities in the Library!**

There are three types of volunteer positions available: Computer Helper, Youth Room/Programming Helper, and Materials Organization and Display Helper. Visit the Library website for more information: [www.palmspringslibrary.org](http://www.palmspringslibrary.org) or call Julie Warren at 760 416-6371.



## CHECK OUT THE TEEN ZONE!

Teen Services Librarian Shelly Longoria is understandably excited about what's happening for teens 13-18 in the Library.



Not only are there book clubs, a Teen Advisory Council, and a separate room for books, meetings, and doing homework, but fun programs that happen every month. In October, she ran a Pumpkin Art Contest, "Teen Read Week", and performer Buster Balloon's Halloween Spooktacular." November featured a card tournament and "Hunger Games" movie party. All of the

special events are tied to reading.

Ongoing programs are the Book Clubs featuring Anime (Japanese comics that are read backward) and Manga. She also has a Teen Zone Book Club that is special because the kids get to keep the books they read. Books are bought by the Library's General Fund. Fourteen teens have signed up for this so far. Many programs are suggested by the American Library Association.

Shelly orders the books and materials for the Zone, and the Teen Advisory Council helps her choose them. Her goal is to turn kids on to reading. "This is the most meaningful thing I do," she says. She refers to kids who participate in the program as "my kids" and knows most of them by name.

The Teen Zone is run on an "open door" policy. Shelly has begun outreach in the schools and recently attended Back to School nights in the District.



Shelly wears many hats in the Library. As she comes from a background of film, she orders all of the DVD's for the Library. In fact, she started the DVD collection with 50 films; it now numbers 11,000. The Library maintains the best foreign film collection in the valley.

Other jobs that keep her busy are maintaining the genealogy search materials (she serves as the President of The Palm Springs Genealogical Society) and will be supervising the new "Accessing the Past"

project.

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## Welcome to our New Members!

### **PATRON (\$100):**

Parrish, Robert and Steele, Richard  
Schafer, Staci  
Scheibner, Paul and Irene  
Wilton, Richard

### **FAMILY (\$30):**

Blumberg, Gary and Judy;

Foyil, Jack and Barbara;  
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas;  
Turlo, John and Margaret  
Zimmer, Charles and Claire

### **INDIVIDUAL (\$20):**

Carsman, Claire;  
Hirschbein, Michael;  
Hug, Kathryn;  
Jones, Donna;  
Jorgensen, Freda  
May, James and Lowe, James  
Olson, Rolf  
Wentz, Joy  
Zwain, Rosalie

### ***Thank you for your Renewals at Patron and Above:***

### **PLATINUM (\$1,000):**

Pollock, Robert and Eileen

### **GOLD (\$500):**

Nelson, Pete and McEntee, Patrick

### **SILVER (\$250):**

Kahn, Michael and Sheila

### **CORPORATE/NONPROFIT (\$150):**

Falk, David

### **PATRON (\$100):**

Austin, Stephanie  
Bushore, Lynne  
Cone, Mary  
Derby, Richard and Owen, Myrna  
Eagan, Judith  
Fey, Robert and Cheryl  
Haber, Mel and Stephane  
Hicks, Jim and Carol  
Hoover, Bud and Barbara  
Hostrop, Dr. Richard and LeeOna  
Mulcahy, Michael  
Ohde, William  
Villani, Ralph and Barbara

### ***Thank you for your Generous Donations!***

Allardyce, Bernard  
Bastow, Tom and Call, Michael  
DiCarlo, Peter  
Hirschbein, Michael  
Jigarjian, Dr. and Mrs. Aram  
Jones, Donna  
Kahn, Michael and Sheila  
Mewshaw, Michael, Kandi and Lauren  
Nerad, Dr. John and Terrie  
Sonderling, Ruth  
Vital de Becerra, Olivia  
Wexler, Donald



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### THIS SEASON FEATURES:

A FREE music performance series at the Palm Springs Public Library during the season that features a different musician or group each month.

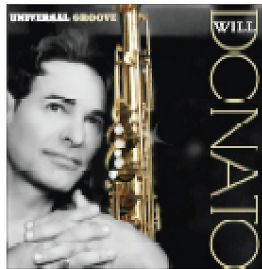
Each performance is on a Friday evening at 6:30 pm, inside the Library under the atrium skylight.



**JANUARY 31**  
Musician and Vocalist  
**STEVE OLIVER**



**FEBRUARY 14**  
Jazz Trio **CHARGED PARTICLES**



**MARCH 14**  
Saxophonist  
**WILL DONATO**



**APRIL 11**  
Palm Springs High School  
**JAZZ BAND**

## MEMBERSHIP

BARBARA STANFORD

### Membership Campaign: Gift with Membership



For a limited time, members joining The Friends of the Palm Springs Library at the Silver Level (\$250) and above, as well as members who upgrade their membership to Silver Level and above, will receive a special gift: Former Mayor Frank Bogert's consummate local history book, *Palm Springs: First Hundred Years*. Filled with many historical photographs, this book will be an important addition to your home library.

A membership form is below—just clip and mail— or you may join online utilizing PayPal at our Friends of the Library website: [www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level (check box below):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate/Nonprofit \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver* \$250   | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold* \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum* \$1000          |

\*Frank Bogert Book included as a "Gift with Membership"

Mail membership application and your payment to: Friends of the Palm Springs Library  
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