



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cathy Brant

Happy New Year to you all!



2016 is filled with many exciting events, but before highlighting them, I'd like to look back on the last two months of 2015. For the first time, we asked you for a special donation at the end of the year. And you responded. Thank you!

In November we received a generous donation of \$5,000.00 from US Bank. Pictured here are Nanci Morrison, Bank Branch Manager,



and Director of Library Services, Jeannie Kays. Another donation of \$1,000 was received from dedicated volunteer and Friends member Christine MacCalla. She is shown working as an elf with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

In December we received a \$2500 donation from Rabobank to sponsor the catering for our Modernism event in February. This is a huge bonus as the funds we receive from Rabobank will all be able to go to Library programs. This event is nearly sold out, so if you are interested in attending, be sure to check the Modernism website. This is the only way to register. Details appear later in this newsletter.



DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Jeannie Kays

Friends Donation Helps Spark Creativity

To keep programming fresh and interesting, library staff decided to develop new after school programming for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. These programs are being held every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. The programs are diverse for a range of interests; from learning how to draw, getting creative with crafts, gardening, cooking, manipulating LEGOs, and much more. The plan is to develop programs that align with the STEAM educational platform, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Creating innovative programs that help children learn while having fun is at the core of our principles as a library. We hope that children are inspired to learn and explore at the library.



The purpose of the Friends of the Palm Springs Library is to support the love of reading and lifelong learning. The Friends saw a need, stepped up and agreed to sponsor the purchase of LEGOs for our afterschool activities. We plan to host a LEGO event every month as part of this afterschool series and activities such as this are made possible by donors like you who renew your memberships each year and give to the Library through purchasing used books at our book sales or sending a donation check. Now you can also give by donating your gently used LEGOs! We are in need of traditional LEGOs or the larger Mega Blocks or DUPLOs for younger children. Thank you for supporting the Palm Springs Public Library!

Friends Help Usher in the Holidays

Friends' volunteers kicked off the season by helping Library staff decorate the Main Library and the Welwood Memorial Library. It was a fun time, especially with all the sweet rolls that we enjoyed afterwards!



Christmas is the highlight of a child's year, and Santa's visit was a great way to celebrate. He and Mrs. Claus answered questions the children had. Miss Nancy, the Children's Librarian, organized the activities which gave time for the children to color decorations and write letters to Santa. She then led them in singing Christmas songs before Santa and Mrs. Claus's grand entrance.



FALL 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

Family and Youth Fun at the Library: Legos, Wii, and More!

Marie Weigel

In November, the Library hosted a special night called Family Fun Night: Game On. By all accounts, the event was a winner. Children and adults alike took a hand in card games, board games, TV console games and more in the Youth Room. From Monopoly to Candy Land to Wii, there was something to bring out the competitive spirit in everyone. Children's Librarian Nancy was front and center to lead the



way.

FOPSL Board Member Wanda Thurman sets up board games for Family Fun Night

More social and mentally stimulating youth and family nights are happening every week. There is something for everyone including programs such as, "Youth Ceramics", "Building a Bird-house," and "Lego Day." Friends of the Palm Springs Library is proud to donate Legos to benefit the many children who visit the Youth Room. Legos will be utilized for specific building projects and fun free play events.



Brochures describing these happenings are available at the Library. For information online, see the Library calendar at <http://www.palmspringsca.gov/government/departments/library/event-calendar>.

The Friends gift to the Library community was a special presentation of the beloved Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. The presenter, Paul Jacques is a talented actor and portrayer of Mr. Dickens who also teaches and directs plays. He brought to life the over 30 characters in the book. This event is but one of two readings of the novel that Dickens wrote. We hope to have him back next year to read the second one.



Helping the Friends set up chairs and serve refreshments were teen members of the Agua Caliente Youth Group.

BOOK SALES REPORT

Richard Ellis

We are happy to report that 2015 was another excellent year of book sales. Every month in the year exceeded our sales for 2014! Thank you for your continued support!



Our successful sales would never happen if it weren't for the many hours of work by our dedicated volunteers who sort, clean, price, shelf and sell books throughout the year, so a big Thank You goes out to Nick, Mary, Charles, Ginger and Loren! And thank you also to the many volunteers who helped at our pop-up sales in the library in 2015!



New Sale Area – We've expanded! Please visit our new, much larger Fiction sale area in the Library, located in the first aisle on your right after you pass the Service Desk. You will be happy to find the hardback fiction is now alphabetized, and that we have added sections for Children's books and Classics! Our Nonfiction sale shelf is now located next to the donor wall on the left side of the library lobby.

And don't forget our big **Annual Sale February 26-28, 2016!**

Raising money for the library depends on your donations of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and audio-books. We currently have a need for children's books in good condition. Our donation bin is on the left as you enter the front doors of the library. Just a reminder: we are not able to use VHS tapes, cassette tapes, phone books, mail-order catalogs, or textbooks and business books over five years old; these items may be placed in your home blue recycling bins. *Thank you for donations!*

COMING UP THIS SEASON!



Modernism Event, February 16, 2016: The event will feature two lectures highlighting the works of famed architect John Porter Clark and a house tour with wine and cheese reception. Former Palm Springs Mayor Will Kleindienst, who recently renovated the Welwood Murray Memorial Library (a Clark design), will share behind the scenes pictures and stories about the building, soon to celebrate its 75th Anniversary. Later that afternoon, we will enjoy a house tour showcasing a stunning example of Clark's work. Tickets can only be purchased online at www.modernismweek.com.

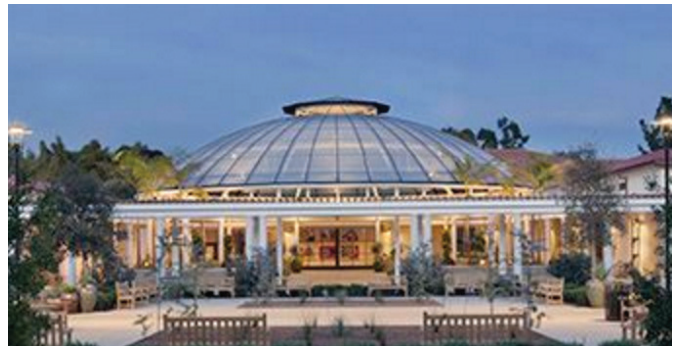
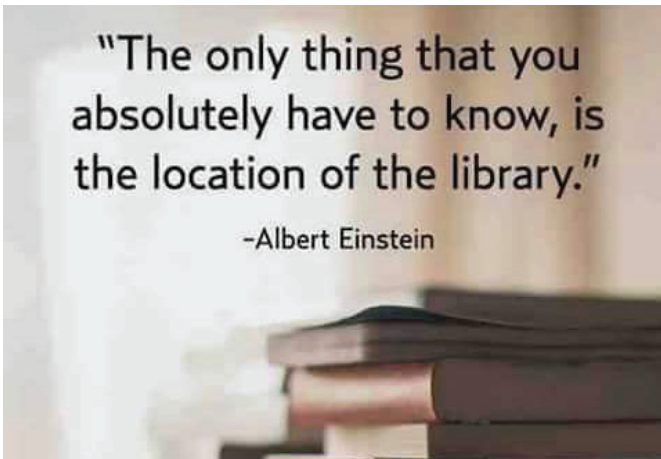


Annual Meeting, March 13, 2016: Our meeting this year will be at Los Compadres Clubhouse from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be a no-host bar and free appetizers. This is our chance to get together to review the previous year's activities, elect new Board Members, enjoy a glass of wine and light appetizers and listen to a local author. This year we are very happy to have Jim Cornett as our speaker. He will talk about our wild and remarkable desert are always packed with people curious about the plants and animals tough enough to adapt and survive the harsh desert conditions. He will also have his new book on hand for purchase and autographs!



"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."

-Albert Einstein



Huntington Library Trip, April 9, 2016: The Huntington Library in San Marino will be our day trip this season. Hop aboard the bus and enjoy the ride to one of the world's great cultural, research and educational centers. We will be given docent led tours and then you can enjoy lunch and some leisure time lingering in the art collection or botanical gardens. You may register by visiting our website www.friendsofhepalmspringslibrary.org or by calling 760.668.8838.

Can You Help Us?

The Friends are in need of volunteers to help us sell books on eBay or would you like to learn to help raise funds for the library? Please contact us! 760.688.8838 or info@friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Barbara Stanford

*Months of October, November, December
and January (partial)*

Welcome to our New Members:

INDIVIDUAL (\$20)

Colman, Molly
Dinyari, Sara
Harris, Eula
Jordan, Kim
Pierce, John

FAMILY (\$30)

Brazier, Andrew
Rudofsky, Harley and Carol
Susman, Michael
Wexler, Michael and Barbara
Ziesenhenne, John and Monique

PATRON (\$100)

Friedman, Beth

Thank you for your Renewals at Patron Level and Above:

GOLD (\$500)

Kahn, Michael and Sheila Weiner-Kahn

PATRON (\$100)

Collins, Robert
Cone, Mary
Derby, Richard
Eagan, Judith
Erickson, Rosemary
Fey, Robert and Cheryl
Haber, Mel
Hart, Tom
Hicks, Jim and Carol
Hoepfner, Harvey
Jigarjian, Dr. Aram and Mrs. Patricia
MacCalla, Christine
McElroy, Marilyn
Mewshaw, Michael, Kandi and Lauren
Ohde, William
Spivack, Burt
Thompson, Michael
Turlo, John and Margaret
Villani, Dr. Ralph and Mrs. Barbara
Weigel, Lee and Marie
Wilton, Richard

Thank you for your Generous Donations:

U.S. Bank	\$5,000.00
for the Summer Reading Program	
Rabobank	\$2500.00
MacCalla, Christine	\$1,000
Reghanti, Melissa	\$500 in memory of her mother, Violette Righanti
Maughan, Bruce	\$200
Kepcke, Anna	\$100
Bodnar, Lesa	
Carter, Charles and Marty in honor and celebration of Dr. Kathy Hug	
DiCarlo, Peter	
Drake, Virginia in memory of her sister Jean Pighetti	
Jordan, Kim	
Rudofsky, Carol and Harley	
Trogman, Bob and Adriana	



Annual Book Sale

Please join us for our biggest sale of
the year—now moved to the end
of February.

The sale is held at the Frey Building
on Baristo—just east of the Library
parking lot entrance.

Friday, February 26

FOPSL Member's Preview—2 to 6 pm
(membership available at the door
one hour prior to the sale opening)

Saturday, February 27

Open to the public 9 am to 4 pm

Saturday, February 28

Bag Day—9 am to 1 pm

Everything just \$3 per bag!

**All newly donated stock
for this sale!
See you there!**



Donate your gently-used
Legos to the Library for the
new children's crafts
program.
Just bring them in to the
main desk.



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Marie Weigel, *Events*

Remember that you can access the Palm Springs Public Library 24/7 with a Mobile App! Whether you want to renew a book or place one on hold, find Library hours or location, download an ebook or audiobook, there's a free app. For more information about the Library app and much more go to www.palmspring-slibrary.org.

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