

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jacque Wachs



We were saddened this summer at the passing of two dedicated supporters of the Library: former City Librarian Margaret Roades and former FOPSL Board Member Jim Hicks. But our grief was soothed by the donations received in their memory. Though many of us never knew Ms Roades personally, we've been advised of her great passion for Opera, so will be adding to the Library's collection on that topic in her memory. The Friends are also brainstorming an appropriate memorial to Jim, of which we'll keep you apprised.

On a more personal note, Jim Hicks was a lifelong friend of the Palm Springs Library who joined the Friends' Board several years ago. As an active advocate for the Library, he sought new and memorable ways to increase public awareness for our organization and will be greatly missed. Jim introduced me into the Friends of the Library and now, as your new President, that connection makes my job all the sweeter somehow. For me, Jim represented the best of what each of us can bring to our community and we, his colleagues, are especially grateful for his vibrant generosity and commitment to the heart of our Village. Please take a moment and survey his life, and Margaret's, in the brief obituaries elsewhere in this newsletter...

A brighter side to Fall finally arrived with October with abundant activity and exciting news about the coming season.

We would first like to welcome new FOPSL Board Member Kathy Weyer. Kathy has moved into our Membership chair, in addition to inaugurating all of our Social Media efforts! You and your friends can now follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all our events and news at <http://www.facebook/friendsofthepalmspringslibrary> or on our own [friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org) website.

Next – for the second year in a row! – The Friends were delighted to receive another generous grant from US Bank for our Community Outreach program, which is used to fund the Palm Springs Library Summer Reading Program. This year was our biggest success yet with more than 800 attendees over six weeks, where we distributed nearly 2500 new age/grade-appropriate books FREE to every child each week, and which culminated in a memorable Grand Prize ceremony!

More big news for this Season was The Friends partnering with ONE-PS to host the City Council Candidates' Forum at the Library on October 1st.

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CITY LIBRARIAN

Jeannie Kays



Dan Savage
November 14



Deepak Chopra
February 3



Lisa Scottoline
March 26

Jeannie is on vacation, but she managed to send the following about The Friends' brand-new Speaker Series: Palm Springs SPEAKS:



Author Anna Quindlen said, "Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home." I am sure you can agree! So many of us feel this way about books and our love for reading. It has always been rewarding to be among

like-minded individuals outside our work lives, so much so that we decided it was time for Palm Springs to have its own literary speaker series.

Thus, Palm Springs SPEAKS was born. The Friends of the Palm Springs Library partnered with Palm Springs Cultural Center, who owns the Camelot Theatres, to develop a compelling lineup of speakers for its inaugural year. DAN SAVAGE kicks off the series on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, is followed by DEEPAK CHOPRA, Saturday, February 3, 2018, and closes with LISA SCOTTOLINE on Monday, March 26, 2018.



Series tickets are \$150 for General Admission and \$250 for VIP. VIP tickets include a catered Meet-and-Greet Reception at 6:00 p.m., a special Reserved section of seating and a special book-signing line following the talk.

Each show begins at 7:30 p.m. Every attendee, both General Admission and VIP, will receive a copy of each author's featured book, as well as access to Early Bird ticket sales for next season. Proceeds benefit The Friends of the Palm Springs Library and Palm Springs Cultural Center equally. Lend your support – and have a great time in the process!

Tickets may be purchased at the Camelot Theatres box office or online at www.palmspringsspeaks.org. *Thank You for Loving Your Library!*

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Proclamation: Mayor Robert Moon with Friends President Jacquie

This was followed by a celebration of the National Friends of Libraries Week (NFOL), October 16-21st, where volunteers sold Raffle e tickets to win one of two amazing "Book Lovers" baskets. The two winners were Mollie Coleman and Vickie Palisi.

Another highlight in our NFOL celebration was an informal Ice Cream Social on the patio where we were surprised to have Mayor Rob Moon honor us with a Proclamation of Merit in honor of NFOL Week! In addition to the balmy weather and the locally-donated Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream parfaits, the afternoon proved the perfect Season starter.

But we didn't stop there. The Friends also worked some behind-the-scenes magic to co-sponsor the exciting new Author Lecture series, "Palm Springs Speaks," with The Palm Springs Cultural Center. Read all about it below.

WE WANT YOUR OPINION . . . Again!

Perhaps the most important of our efforts this season is our new online survey. When we surveyed our audience and asked five years ago for your input in planning The Friends' future, you responded. So we're doing it again and hope you'll spur us to our next round of achievements.

The survey consists of a dozen quick questions that will help us plot the next level of world-class service necessary for our community and hope to hear from each of you at <https://s.surveypal.com/SylqfO53Z>

We look forward to your participation this season and, as always, send our thanks for your continuing generosity and support of our efforts. We couldn't do it without you.

WE WANT YOUR OPINION!

Please take a brief survey to help us plan our activities for the coming seasons.

STUDENT ARTWORK APPEARS ON LIBRARY BOOKMARK

To encourage student creativity and publicize the Library, the Friends sponsored an art contest for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at Cahuilla Elementary School to design the back of the Library's new book mark.



The Mayor is joined in the picture Jacquie, Stephanie and Ryan Saunders, her Principal, and Mrs. Naasz her teacher

The contest launched in August during the first week of school (with a September 30th deadline) asking students to plumb their imaginations and submit designs for the back of the Library's next quarterly bookmark. No particular theme was given; all creative decisions were left up to the students.

A panel comprised of the Palm Springs Unified School District Arts Coordinator, the Library Director, the Youth Librarian and three members of the Friends of the Library Board reviewed thirty-three submitted entries, then chose three finalists: Stephanie Medina, 4th grade; Homa Session, 5th grade; and Christian Vasquez, 4th grade.

Our winner was announced and her bookmark unveiled at The Friends' Ice Cream Social event on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 as part of the National Friends of the Library Week celebration. Fourth-grader STEPHANIE MEDINA won a gift basket full of art supplies, her bookmark commemoratively framed and a \$100 gift card for Michael's Art Supplies. Our other finalists received a framed certificate and an armload of art books. Miss Medina's winning book mark is now available to the public in the Library lobby.

This effort was a pilot program that The Friends (in coordination with the school district) hope to expand to other Palm Springs' schools in the coming years.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Jay Dunaway

The Summer Quarter saw the Friends' financial security take another leap with further installments from the Robert Pollock Family, whose generosity and love of community have been perfectly realized in such considerate estate planning. These funds, which now total \$450,000, have been sequestered while the Friends' Board develop specific plans for their use, certainly give our community a bit of breathing space for the Library's future – and we don't mind saying that we hope it's an escalating trend!

The summer season naturally saw the typical slowdown in our fundraising, but this situation will start rebounding nicely, thanks in part to the terrific efforts of our new Membership liaison (and Board Member) Kathy Weyer, who has launched our "Social Media" efforts on Facebook, Twitter and the like. Our upcoming Palm Springs SPEAKS program, featuring Dan Savage, Deepak Chopra and Lisa Scottoline should also generate some serious enthusiasm (and fatten our piggy bank), in addition to the Friends' tasty Modernism Week offerings.

In short, we're pretty confident you'll be glad you're a Friend this year – and with some longer-range plans taking shape, you'll be further enticed to remain one! So THANK YOU, stay tuned and get ready for a satisfying new season of "Why We Love Our Library!"

CANDIDATES FORUM



Our Committee has been exceedingly busy all Summer planning Events for the coming Season. The first was our joint-venture with ONE-PS to hold a CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES' FORUM at the Library on October 1st. All six candidates were in attendance and answered questions in thoughtful and sometimes insightful manners before an engaged audience of nearly 300. Questions had been submitted by the public and were chosen by a committee of five (two from FOPSL and two from ONE-PS), including moderator Hank Plante, a well-recognized professional and Emmy-winning journalist. Hank reported on California from San Francisco and Los Angeles for three decades, according to an interview with Kate Buckley. He is now an Executive Editor for The Desert Sun.



FOPSL President Jacque with ONE-PS members Bob and Sid

Leading the Candidates' Forum effort was Bob Farran, Events Chair of ONE-PS, which, with its previous experience sponsoring such forums, planned every detail clearly and efficiently. Our special thanks are sent to Nanci Morrison and Richard Ellis, two Friends' Board Members, for their service on the Question Committee, as well as to those who assisted with the planning, set up and/or cleanup. Your efforts helped bring about an unquestioned success!

SAVE THE DATES!

We have two exciting events planned for the Winter and Spring! First are two Modernism events on February 22nd. In the morning, we will host a self-guided tour of the Dr. Hugh Stevens house, and, that afternoon, architectural historian Alan Hess will give a presentation titled "The Desert As Muse: How Mid-Century Palm Springs Architects Used the Desert Environment and Culture to Shape Their Designs" in the Learning Center at the Library.



Mr. Hess is a nationally recognized architect, author, historian and critic whose 19 books have included Palm Springs Weekend: The Architecture and Design of a Mid-Century Oasis and Julius Shulman: Palm Springs.



The Stephens house, designed by Clark and Frey, is a hidden Mid-Century Modern treasure, built to blend in with the natural landscape. It is a perfect example of how these architects used the desert environment as inspiration for their design. To register or to read more about them, please visit <http://www.modernismweek.com/>. And kudos to board member Michael Hirschbein for securing them for us!

Lastly, our final event of the season may well prove to be our most popular (judging by the early enthusiasm) when our ANNUAL MEETING takes place on March 25 at CASA AMIN, a restored boutique inn originally built and owned by Hollywood movie legend GLORIA SWANSON! But you can be the judge! Mark your calendar and reserve your Members-only space early! (Our Thanks, once again, to Michael Hirschbein, for making possible this tasty outing as well!)



IN MEMORIAM: MARGARET ROADES

by Henry Weiss, former Palm Springs City Librarian

On July 8, former Palm Springs City Librarian, Margaret Rodes, succumbed to cancer in Monrovia, California. Margaret was a talented, poised, sophisticated and most competent librarian who was as comfortable sitting at the opera as she was on the back of a motorcycle.

On December 5, 1983, Margaret began serving as the manager of the Library Center's reference section, which was once located in the far west portion of the Library Center. Three years later she was promoted to Assistant City Librarian and then in 1999, the Board of Library Trustees appointed her as our community's fourth City Librarian since incorporation in 1938.

So many of the library's most appreciated programs began under Margaret's capable direction. She managed Channel 17, the valley's first live government access television service and skillfully produced the Prickly Pears video project which recorded the recollections of four dozen Palm Springs' pioneers.

Two major renovations of the Library Center would never have come to fruition without Margaret's constant guidance. She additionally supervised the Palm Springs Historical Society for more than ten years and in 1999, graciously hosted the first California Library Association meeting ever held in Palm Springs. When the library began republishing books of significance to Palm Springs (Our Araby and Frank Bogert's Palm Springs, The First 100 Years), Margaret's abundant management skills ensured that they would be both successful and profitable for the Library Trust Fund.

After retirement, Margaret spent eighteen years traveling, serving as a docent, reveling as a grandmother, regularly attending opera performances and devouring the books she had longed to read during her venerated career. She is survived by her son Chris, a truly gifted architect.

BOOK SALES

November 7: Lobby sale (Voting Day)

December ?: CD/DVD Sale in Lobby

February 23: Member Preview, Annual Sale. J.C. Frey Building

February 24: Annual Sale open to public.
J.C. Frey Building

February 25: Bag Sale open to public.
J.C. Frey Building

March 28: Bag Sale. J.C. Frey Building

April 14: Fiction Bag Sale in Lobby

IN MEMORIAM: JIM HICKS

Jim Hicks, a life-long friend of the Palm Springs Library, died this summer. A third-generation resident of Palm Springs, Jim was an active member of the community, serving on many boards and commissions organized to help others. He joined the Friends of the Library Board many years ago and helped our organization by serving as Chair of Finance, Board Development and as Vice President. He also was an active advocate for the Library who explored unique ways to



increase the public's awareness of our efforts.

Former FOPSL President, Chris Seidel, writes: "Jim and I served as President and Vice President for several years together, and I came to know him as a very smart, caring, progressive individual whose advice I sought and always welcomed. In addition to his other stellar qualities, he was a hell of a nice guy."

As a testament to Jim's passion for reading, the family requested that friends wishing to make a donation in his memory do so to the Friends of the Palm Springs Library, a 501c (3) Nonprofit Corporation (<https://www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org/page1786295>). At a later date, a memorial service will be held where members of the community will be invited to join his family and friends to celebrate his life.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Wednesday, November 15th Nature Lecture: The Lorax Revisited: Science and Stewardship at Joshua Tree National Park. Presented by Jane Rodgers, the Chief of Science and Stewardship for Joshua Tree National Park, learn how science and stewardship is making advances to improve the management of this ever-popular destination. The lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m. in The Learning Center (TLC). This program is presented in partnership with the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park.

Wednesday, November 29th Lecture: *Entertaining Your Way*. In her new book *Entertaining Your Way*, longtime party planner Andrea Rosenblatt shares easy-to-follow advice to help you plan like a pro! This program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in The Learning Center (TLC).

Friday, December 1st Teach Me: Medicare 101. It's open enrollment for Medicare. Come this this presentation to learn more about the four parts of Medicare: who can apply, when one can apply, and Special Needs Plans. Presented by Musia Wilkes, an AHIP (America's Health Insurance Plans) certified representative. The lecture will be from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in The Learning Center.

Tuesday, December 5th Lecture: *"Stress, Anxiety, and Depression"* with Dr. Anita Chatigny, Ph.D. & Nicole Verner, Registered Dietician of Desert Regional Medical Center. Learn ways to lead a more balanced life. The lecture will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Cornelia White Community Room at the Welwood Murray Memorial Library (WMML) located at 100 S. Palm Canyon Dr., in downtown Palm Springs.

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MEMBERSHIP

Kat Weyer

Reporting from
June 1 through
September 30:



NEW: (10)

Individual:

Lyle Brewer
David Elliott
Mairee Gandera
Jacquelyn Harding
Jan Harper
Frank Peabody
Ron Willison

Family:

Robert Hoag and Allen Hurt
Le McClellan
Barry and Michael Nadeau

Mary Marks
Larry Merkl
Sheila Miller
Chris Morse
Nancy Nolan
John Pierce
Randy Russell
Sherry Russell
Nikki Stone
Julie Wolf
Don Yager

Family:

Jim and Evelyn Berry
Linda and Michael Dixon
Rebecca Dyer
Robert Hoag and Allen Hurt
James May and James Lowe
Suzanne Severin
Nancy and Don Siglinger
Pauline & Henry Spires
Ernie and Colleen Taylor
Kimberly White
Robert Witt
Patron:
Edith Balback
Linda Futterer
William Galaway
Jane Higgins
Ruth Lindemann
Jacqueline Wachs

Corporate:

Ed McBride,
Eighteen Eight.com

RENEWALS (47)

Individual:

Cliff Brace
George Brightbill
Alan Broadnay
Ryo Cody
Wayne Cox
Allan Darr
Brian Eggert
Joy Durae Eicher
Rob Feeman
Wayne Fellabaum
Michael Foran
Killy Kieley Hayes
Richard W. Hostrop
Kathy Hug
Carol Jackson
David Kelly
Dennis Listenberger
Christina Low

LOOKING AT THE PAST WHILE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Bob Trogman

Over 18 years ago I answered a request for a volunteer to help with a Friend's newsletter. Sandra Levinson handed the chore over to me and from then on I was a working part of the Friends.

The computer age had not yet arrived on the scene and the library had emphasized the vast archives contained in the building. Margaret Roades had just taken over the reins from Henry Weiss.

From that time on the library began a metamorphosis from an education and research center into a community enhancing asset.

The programs in the children's section were becoming a place where parents were involved. The summer programs grew into a parent-child education center.

Annual meetings featured personalities such as Huell Hauser, Frank Bogert, as well as many popular authors.

As a Friends board member and newsletter publisher, the past was chronicled within my mind. Now the observing present environment, it has been a dramatic revelation. Computers clicking away, with young people utilizing the wonderful assets available. No longer just a "reading room", but a complex serving the entire community.

As a member of the Friends I appreciate the wonderful work of the past and present Board of Directors. My only comment is that the Friends should emphasize the connection to community service rather than the mistaken concept that the ownership of a library card is the same as a membership to the Friends.

The future of the Friends of the Palm Springs Library appears to be dynamic. Keep up the great effort.

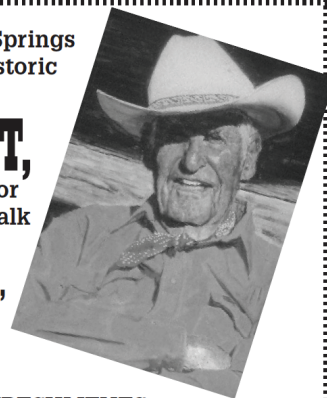
Annual Meeting Notice From The Past

The Friends of the Palm Springs Library invite you to a historic public event...

FRANK BOGERT,

along with his collaborator Sharon Apfelbaum, will talk about his new book

VIEW FROM THE SADDLE,
*Characters Who Have
Crossed My Trail*



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LIBRARY EVENTS *(Continued from Page 4)*

Wednesday, December 6th Family Fun Night Celebrates the Season with Santa! Bring your camera and come dressed in your best because Santa and Mrs. Claus are back! Come and meet our favorite winter holiday friend, it will be a fun evening for the whole family! The program will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13th Nature Lecture: Desert Palm Oasis: Secrets and Futures. Presented by Jim Cornett who will examine the unique aspects of the palm and its significance within rare desert spring environments. The lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m. in The Learning Center. *This program is presented in partnership with the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park.*

Wednesday, December 20th Health Lecture: Healthy Eating On A Budget. Presented by Dipika Patel learn ways to save and still create healthy meals. The lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m. in The Learning Center. *This program is presented in partnership with the Certified Farmers' Market, a Palm Springs Cultural Center event.*

Wednesday, January 3rd Films That Make You Go Hmmm... screening: *Between Allah & Me*. This film unveils the intricate and complex effects of hijab on Muslim women, their families and communities, and the larger multicultural society in which they live. The movie (Closed Captioning included) will begin at 6:30 p.m. in The Learning Center.

Tuesday, January 9th "Build Your Own Website: Web Design Basics." This free, four-week course will guide you through the fundamentals of web design; from programs, graphics, coding and the user experience. Classes are from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Learning Center, each week covering a different topic. Other class dates are: Jan. 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Wednesday, January 17th Nature Lecture: "Purple Hummingbird: A Biography of Elizabeth Warder Crozer Campbell". Presented by Joan Schneider, the co-author of the book and retired Associate State Archaeologist of the Colorado Desert District (Borrego Springs). The lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m. in The Learning Center. *This program is presented in partnership with the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park.*

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