



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jacque Wachs

Love your Library this Summer!

More people are staying in Palm Springs through the summer than ever before. And what better place to spend your time than the Palm Springs Library! Summer is the perfect time to catch up on your reading, so make sure to scout the great bargains at our Friends' Book Sales.



The Library itself remains abuzz with activity, with many events to choose from. The Summer Reading Program for Kids, Teens and Adults has just started. Our Book Clubs still meet. And if you venture out join the Friends on Wednesday, June 28th for Palm Springs Power Baseball at the Palm Springs Stadium for Library Night, showing your Library card will get you in FREE!

We are also planning Friends' Mixers throughout the year. These will give you a chance to meet other like-minded Friends, or, better yet, to "Invite a Friend to Be a Friend."

The Friends grew a little this year by developing a Community Outreach Committee, the goals of which are to increase membership of the Friends, increase community awareness about our efforts and to advocate for the Library's importance in our community.

Spring brought the Friends a green bouquet of \$19,000 in the form of a grant from the Anderson Children's Foundation, founded in 1970 by the Irene W. and Gary L. Anderson Trust. Irene Anderson wanted to nurture the gifts inherent in every child – particularly the gifted – and the Friends will fund next year's "Books for Kids" Summer Reading Program thanks to their benevolence.

And, to begin summer on an even higher note, The Friends remain absolutely speechless at having received a third disbursement from the Robert & Elaine Pollock Estate of \$100,000, which brings the total received thus far to \$450,000! Generosity of such magnitude is simply overwhelming



and we are brainstorming to adequately express our gratitude ... Stay tuned! With these funds we were able to purchase new furniture for the Children's room.

Thanks, finally, to each of our Friends for your support – we could not do it without you! Now: "Have a great Summer!"

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Jeannie Kays

Summer Reading Program: Why Do We Do This Anyway?



Did you know that an average of 61 percent of low-income children have no children's books at home? Our Summer Reading Program, *Reading by Design*, is in full swing June 12-July 20 with programs and rewards for all ages – babies through adults – to change that bleak fact. Everyone who signs up receives a colorful tote bag (while supplies last). Children and teens receive a FREE BOOK each week while adults receive a voucher for a FREE BOOK (up to \$2 in value) from the Friends of the Library Book Sale shelves!



At this writing, the response has been overwhelmingly positive. In the first three days alone, 331 people have registered for Summer Reading! Children are particularly delighted being given a free, new, age-/grade-appropriate book – and we are so thankful that the Friends did not hesitate to sponsor Summer Reading and were especially willing to support the purchase of books for children and teens. It is a considerable expense but an amazing investment in our children's futures. Luckily the Friends of the Palm Springs Library have been notified that they are a recipient of an Anderson Children's Foundation grant in the amount of \$19,000 which will cover most of the cost of the books for next summer.

You might wonder why we invest so much time and money into Summer Reading. Eighty three percent (83%) of children who attend school in Palm Springs Unified School District receive free or reduced lunches. According to The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, "low-income students lose

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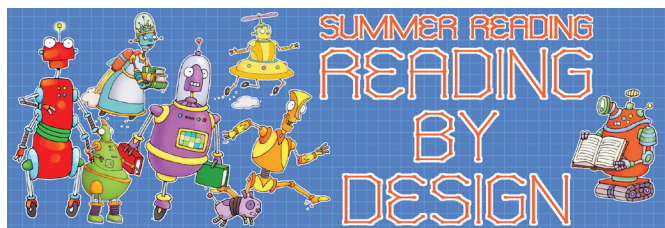
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an average of more than two months in reading achievement in the summer, while their middle-income peers tend to make gains in reading. By the end of fifth grade, disadvantaged children are nearly three grade equivalents behind their more affluent peers in reading. Studies show 6-week summer learning programs can produce statistically significant gains in reading performance." <http://gradelevelreading.net/our-work/summer-learning-loss>

In the study, "Double Jeopardy: How Third-Grade Reading Skills and Poverty Influence High School Graduation" findings show: "One in six children who are not reading proficiently in third grade fail to graduate from high school on time, four times the rate for children with proficient third-grade reading skills." <http://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/AECF-DoubleJeopardy-2012-Full.pdf>

"A 2011 study by the Wilder Foundation examined an Illinois program serving 90,000 three- to five-year-olds and found it generated an estimated \$353 to \$530 million in combined cost savings and annual revenue over 23 years, including up to \$40 million in savings for K-12 schools, \$259 million in reduced government spending and increased tax revenues, \$231 million in reduced social costs and \$72 million in increased wages and tax revenues from high school graduates in the labor force." <https://eyeonearlyeducation.com/2013/07/09/new-research-confirms-third-grade-reading-importance/>

These challenges for children, particularly low-income, are WHY we do what we do. We want children in our community to succeed. This is why we have weekly story times, after school programs, and most importantly, why we are working so hard to get books in the hands of children by creating a fun and exciting Summer Reading Program. Thank you as always for your continued support. We could not do this without you.

More about Summer Reading: It's for EVERYONE at the Library this Summer!



June and July are the months of year when the Library suspends regular programming and focuses on Summer Reading. The theme for this year is **READING BY DESIGN** and our program is six-weeks long, beginning on Monday, June 12th and continuing through Thursday, July 20th. Offering something for every member of the family and a program for every age group; Youth: Pre-K – 5th grade, Teens: 6th – 12th grade, and even adults!

This year's most exciting feature is that students who are registered and check-in weekly at the Library will receive a FREE new book (grade level/age specific), while the adults

who check-in will receive a voucher for a FREE book (up to \$2 in value) from the Friends of the Palm Springs Library Book Sale shelves.

There will also be special performers or activities every week for each age group, a 5-Book Reading Challenge (which will earn an extra Grand Prize entry ticket!) and "Door Prize" raffles at the beginning of each weekly program, all generously provided by local businesses and organizations.

And as an extra encouragement, the GRAND PRIZE this year is PARTICIPANT'S CHOICE! At check-in each week, in addition to the FREE book (or voucher for adults), participants will also receive one entry ticket for the Grand Prize drawing. They then place their completed entry into the bin of the prize they want to win. There are bicycles (with helmets) courtesy of the *Palm Springs Sustainability Commission* and other prizes, including a Samsung Galaxy Tablet, an Ancestry DNA kit, a 3D Printing Pen kit, a BB8 Droid robot, a Solar charger and many other choices, all courtesy of the Friends of the Palm Springs Library. One winner will be selected for each prize from the entry tickets in that bin, so the odds of winning may be high depending on the number of entries! We'll have a combined FINALE celebration on Thursday, July 20th at 4:30 p.m. in the Library to award all the Grand Prizes. It's a summer of fun for the whole family!

So mark your calendars, plan to register and then: participate! For more Summer Reading program information, go online at www.palmspringslibrary.org for a complete schedule.

BOOK SALE COMMITTEE

Richard Ellis

Summer's the time to read by the pool over the coming hot



months – and the Friends' shelves in the library are bursting with a wide variety of titles to add to your queue! Additionally, we will be having one last CLEARANCE SALE at the Frey Bldg on JULY 12th from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. BOOKS AND CD's ONLY \$4 A BAG!

Come help us clear out our warehouse and take home some treasures! We will have thousands of books that have not been in previous sales, plus magazines, LP records and more.

The Fall Book Sale schedule will begin in the Library lobby on Oct. 21st and continue with our very popular DVD/CD Sale on Dec. 16th, so flag those dates before you forget!

****Remember that one of the perks of the Adult Reading Program is that you receive a voucher for a free book from our Lobby bookshelves!**

Thank you for your support of the Friends' Book Sales!

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Watch the Total Eclipse at the Library, Get FREE Viewing Glasses!

On Monday, August 21, 2017, a total eclipse of the Sun will be visible in the continental United States for the first time in almost 40 years. A total eclipse is when the Sun is completely hidden by the Moon; the sky becomes dark and the Sun's faint atmosphere (its corona) becomes visible – like a beautiful halo. Because this total

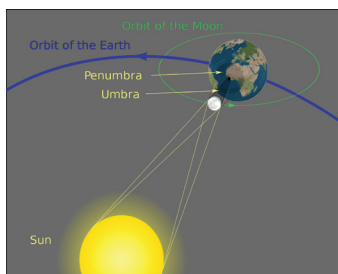


eclipse will only be visible on a narrow track across the U.S. – stretching from Oregon to South Carolina – and because no other country will get to see this solar eclipse, it's being nicknamed "The All-American Eclipse." The rest of the U.S. and other parts of North and Central America will see only a partial eclipse, where the Moon covers only a portion of the Sun; Palm Springs should have about 75-80% visibility. A partial eclipse may not be as awe-inspiring as a total eclipse, but it is still a beautiful, if other-worldly, experience that should be savored. The Library will host a viewing party just outside the Library building.

Because it is dangerous to look at the eclipse directly without protection from the Sun's damaging rays, the Library will be giving out FREE viewing glasses (while supplies last) that we received from a grant through STAR_Net, which is a production of the Space Science Institute's National Center for Interactive Learning (NCIL) in collaboration with the American Library Association, the Lunar and Planetary Institute and the After school Alliance. Major funding is provided by the National Science Foundation, NASA and the National Institutes of Health (SEPA).

So bring your lawn chairs and eye gear and start gathering at the park surrounding the Library and in the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The optimal viewing time for our area is 10:24 a.m. for the maximum view of the eclipse. We will be giving out the glasses until they are gone.

And in preparation for this incredible event, we will have



some programming at the Library prior to the eclipse to help you learn and prepare. On Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 3:30 p.m., students in 3rd – 5th grade are invited to a special D-I-Y Crafternoon where they will read the book

Dark, written by astronomers Andrew Fraknoi and Dennis Schatz, and will then make solar eclipse viewers! Then, that same evening, at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Stephenie Slahor will present Prepare for the Solar Eclipse, at which adults can learn more about solar and lunar eclipses – how they occur, some of their ancient and modern historical associations, as well as special information about the solar eclipse that will occur on August 21, 2017.

Come out and celebrate this rare and special occurrence with your community – we hope to see you at the Library!

SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday July 12, 9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**CLEARANCE SALE: Book and CDs only
\$4.00 a bag!**

Sunday, October 1st, 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

**Meet the candidates for City Council
at the Library!**



Candidates' Forum co-sponsored by ONE-PS and the Friends of the Palm Springs Library. Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS) is comprised of representatives from the 43 recognized neighborhood organizations in Palm Springs. They have held these Candidates' Forums for many

years and we are very happy to host this year's forum in the Library. We will be sending out a flyer later this summer with more details.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Barbara Stanford, *Chair*

Welcome to our New members

Silver (\$250)

Ken Pengelly and
David Engen

Corporate (\$150)

Ed McBride

Patron (\$100)

Robert Dinah
Ruth Lindeman
Ed McBride

Individual (\$20)

David Alderman, M.D.
Lyle Brewer
Brian Eggert
Robert Elsner
Gabor Molnar
Barbara Morris
Katherine Van Gaver

*Thank you for
your renewals
at Patron Level
and above:*

Patron (\$100)

Charles Blochberger
Cathy Brant
Jay Dunaway
Richard Ellis and
Mark Lazarin
Carol Jackson
Laura and Jeff Miller
Chris Seidel
Alice Sleught
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Thank you for your donations:

Mary J Ellis, for the Children's Summer Reading
Program \$100

Rachel Ross, in Memory of Al Goldstein



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SUMMER LIBRARY EVENTS—JULY 2017

Wednesday, July 5th Reading by Design: Create Your Own Greeting Cards. Use stamps, specialty papers and more to create one-of-a-kind cards of your own design. We'll provide the supplies, you bring your creativity. The program will be from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in The Learning Center.

Thursday, July 6th Computer Basic Skills Class. This hands-on class is free but advanced registration is required. The class is from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in The Learning Center. Call or come into the Library to register.

Saturday, July 8th Reading by Design — Build Your Own Website: Intro to HTML5 & CSS (class 3 of 4). Four courses will be presented over four weeks to teach you web design basics. This class focuses on introducing the coding behind websites (HTML5 and CSS) and on how to troubleshoot issues with WYSIWYG programs. The class is FREE; no registration is required, handouts provided. The program will be from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Learning Center. Stay until the end of the class for the free web design book drawing!

Wednesday, July 12th Reading by Design – Film Screening: "Eames: the Architect and the Painter." This documentary film shares the story of the husband & wife team of Charles and Ray Eames who are widely regarded as America's most important designers. The screening will begin at 2:00 p.m. in The Learning Center.

Thursday, July 13th Cover to Cover Book Club. This month's book is Life from Scratch: A Memoir of Food, Family, and Forgiveness by Sasha Martin. The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Mizell Senior Center at 480 S. Sunrise Way in Palm Springs.

Saturday, July 15th Reading by Design— Build Your Own Website: It's All About the UX (User Experience) (class 4 of 4). Four courses will be presented over four weeks to teach you web design basics. This class pulls everything together with an introduction to UX, SEO (Search Engine Optimization) and how to use tools like Google Analytics. The class is FREE; no registration is required, handouts provided. The program will be from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Learning Center. Stay until the end of the class for the free web design book drawing!

Thursday, July 20th Reading by Design – Summer Reading FINALE Celebration. Gather in the main library atrium for the Grand Prize drawings and to celebrate all things Summer Reading! This is a combined finale so all ages are invited; there will be special giveaways, treats and more! The fun starts at 4:30 p.m.

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