

### SUMMER 2018

JACQUE WACHS, *President*



What does Summer mean to you? For me as a young girl, summertime was the time to go to the Library once a week. It was a place of adventure—it took me away from the small town I lived in to anywhere in the world. I loved Children's Story Time, and the thought of bringing books home with me to continue my adventures was priceless.



I hope that your summer plans include visiting our Library not only to check out books but to take part in the many programs that are offered. And while you're there, note the beautiful new chairs that were provided by the City!

Summer for the Friends is a time for planning. Our goal is to plan activities and events throughout the year that will increase our membership. So, please be a Friend by referring a Friend.

We are excited to also increase our exposure via social media, thanks to the expertise of Gwen Stackler. Be sure to read her introduction later in this newsletter.

We appreciate the support that you have given the library over the years. We want to thank those of you who attended the Budget Town Hall Meeting in April and the Community Forum in May to show your support for our Library and the relevance of libraries in general.

We are always interested in hearing from you what the Library means to you, so please feel free to send your support letters to [info@friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org).

Lastly, we want to thank all of our Friends and Volunteers of the Friends for your support, dedication and time. We hope you all have a terrific summer.



### DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

JEANNIE KAYS

### Summertime is Right... for Dancing in the Library

You read that right. Summertime is right for dancing in the Library. We like to make the Library a fun place where everyone wants to be. This spring, we introduced a new program to us, Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH), which made the front page of "The Desert Sun." This program is just what it sounds like—drag queens reading stories to children. Created by Michelle Tea and RADAR Productions in San Francisco, DQSH happens regularly in LA, New York, San Francisco, and now PALM SPRINGS! Palm Springs' Social Ambassador, Bella da Ball, has been our featured drag queen the past two months. Each DQSH begins with a craft and ends with a dance party. What better place to have a good time than the Library?

We are the most accepting, loving place for children and adults to feel at home. DQSH returns in the fall after Summer Reading Program.

### Palm Springs SPEAKS: Andy Weir

Our speaker series, Palm Springs SPEAKS hosted a bonus author event June 7, 2018 with Andy Weir, bestselling author of "The Martian" and "Artemis." To prepare for the event, we had a film screening and book discussion of "The Martian" on June 2, 2018. Following the two and a half hour extended version of the movie, there was very little book discussion but attendees enjoyed the film. The author talk, held at Palm Springs Cultural Center's Historic Camelot Theatres, was enjoyed by all and was not nearly long enough. Andy was funny and so friendly.

We cannot wait for Andy's next book. If you have not read his books, I highly recommend them. I believe that "Artemis" will make a great movie, but of course, THE BOOK WAS BETTER.



## PSPL Comic Con 2018



The 4th Annual PSPL Comic Con® was another roaring success with 758 attendees on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Teen Librarian, Shelly Longoria organized a full day of activities with help from Children's Librarian, Nancy Valdivia and a crew of volunteers. We even had a food truck, Leenie's Weenies. Star Wars costumers donated their time dressed as both rebels and the dark side. Known as the 501st Legion, they volunteer all over the country but the force is strong with them in Southern California.

Library Assistant, Yrene Navarro outdid herself with decorations featuring an Iron Man book drop. Volunteer Bob Davis-Wong shows off his custom zip-tie coat made by his husband.

## Summer Reading Program: Reading Takes You Everywhere!

Summer Reading Program (SRP) is up and running with free books for everyone! Check in each week for a free book for children and teens or a Friends Book Sale book voucher for adults. Thank you to Friends of the Palm Springs Library for helping sponsor SRP, Anderson Children's Foundation for their grant allowing us to buy new books to give to children and teens, and our other local merchants who donated gift certificates and other prizes to give away throughout SRP. The program runs June 11-July 19. Visit our website [www.palmspringslibrary.org](http://www.palmspringslibrary.org) for details and a full schedule of events.



## EVENTS

Traditionally members of the Friends Board spend part of the summer months volunteering for the Library's growing Summer Reading Program for readers of all ages. They also spend time planning for next season's events and projects. The first event for next season will be the National Friends of The Library Week, October 21-27. Last year was our first full week-long celebration and it was very well attended by Library patrons and members of the community. Next year we will again sponsor a bookmark art contest for students, this time at Kathryn Finch Elementary School. The winners will be announced at a social event that week. We will also launch a membership drive with a drawing for prizes. Last year's winners were thrilled with the beautiful baskets they received, thanks to the expertise of Membership Chair Kathy Weyer. The Events team is also planning another tour of an iconic mid-century home during Modernism Week in February. The last few tours have been very well received by Modernism participants, and we are very grateful to be able to continue working with the Modernism organization. The Annual Meeting will be held in March, and we are working on securing a very interesting venue for it. The last Palm Springs Speaks event for this year featured Andy Wier, author of *The Martian*. He gave a talk at the Camelot on June 7.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

JAY DUNAWAY

Talk about some Library Love!! This quarter found your Friend-ly Treasurer writing the first of several wonderful checks to fatten up the Library's collection – with more to come! – thanks to the generous nest-egg bequeathed us by the Robert Pollock Family.

We've started by approving over \$75,000 for a boat-load of deliciousnesses, beginning with \$660 of new Audio books, almost \$2000 of new Fiction and a fairly thrilling \$12,500 of new E-books on order! Those with sharp eyes (and younger kids) might notice additional rolling CD & DVD shelves in the Youth room, also compliments of the Pollocks.

We recommend that you set some time apart this summer to start perusing these new acquisitions as they land on our shelves ... all the while enjoying the vibrantly cushy new furniture throughout our glorious building, thanks to our library-allied colleagues at City Hall! Senior Library Assistant, Sheryl McMichael helped unpack the new chairs.

As you do, keep in mind too that these developments are merely a fantastic start to the exciting changes on the horizon for the Library! And we, quite naturally, hope you'll find it unquestionably necessary to support our efforts – through volunteering, with Book/CD/DVD donations or with more tangible financial support.

We simply can't Love Our Library enough without your joining in! Happy summer, all!



## FRIENDS PRESENCE EXPANDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

GWEN STACKLER

Howdy. My name is Gwen and I've been in Palm Springs just shy of three years and a book-sorting volunteer for Friends of the Library for a year. I grew up in Southern California and spent the majority of my adulthood on the Central Coast of California. I've been a book blogger for over ten years and a rabid reader and baseball fan since I was a kid.



I'm a major introvert and suffer from severe Anxiety, yet I've made that time alone work for me by always being active with technology and later the Internet. That's where I come in with the Friends. I saw that we didn't have a strong presence online and asked if they would like me to put what I have learned to work.

Social Media, especially for Nonprofits, is all about storytelling and that is my aim, to share the stories of what we do and whom we benefit, both as a whole and as individuals in our specific activities with the online community.

Books and computers kept my mind active when I could have given up. The Friends took me in when I was ready to spread my wings a bit as a volunteer. Now I want to spread all of our successes to the rest of the community and ask them to join us in serving whatever way they can – all by telling our stories. Isn't that what the Library is for? Stories and storytelling? I'm excited and hope you are too.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FEATURES NEW PROGRAMS!

KATHY WEYER

Are you a writer? Aspiring writer? Novice writer? Then submit to our quarterly writing contest and win cash prizes! We will have a contest on the same subject open in three categories: Adult, Teen, and Child.



Prizes will be \$100, \$50, and \$25, respectively. Rules to be published next newsletter. We are working to get publication for the winners in local media.

Be a Friend, Bring a Friend! Refer a new member and you and your friend each receive Five Book Bucks!

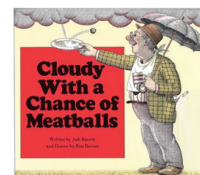
Also, to show appreciation to all our fabulous members, we will have a monthly drawing for dinners out, great books, or tickets to shows. All you have to do is chime in when asked and you will be entered into the drawing. That will start in the fall as well.

If you have any questions about your membership, be sure to get in touch - you can always reach us at [info@friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org).

Have a great summer, and remember to Love Your Library!

## BIRBA PALM SPRINGS: "PIECE OF THE PIE"

BIRBA Palm Springs offers a special pizza each month that benefits a charity. During the month of June, Birba has selected Friends of the Palm Springs Library as their charity of the month. The 'Piece of the Pie' charity pizza is inspired by the children's book "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" by Judi Barrett.



BIRBA Palm Springs is located at 622 N. Palm Canyon Dr. Palm Springs, CA

## Welcome to our new and renewing members at the Patron Level and above:

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Gwen Stackler  
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## **FRIENDS OF THE PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY**

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### **SUMMER READING 2018 Programming for Adults**

**All programs are in the Learning Center from 2:00 to 4:pm except for the Finale Celebration**

#### **Wednesday, June 13th Reading Takes You Everywhere**

**Lecture: Traveling with Françoise**—Through the Years and Behind the Scenes! Françoise Rhodes, Owner/Producer and Host of 'Traveling with Françoise' the only travel radio program in the Palm Springs and surrounding areas, will speak. She will share about some of her favorite travel experiences, tips for planning your travel adventures and more!

#### **Wednesday, June 20th Reading Takes You Everywhere**

**Film Screening: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.** In this comedy-adventure film the title character is a daydreamer, who due to a chain of events embarks on a real-life global journey that turns into an extraordinary adventure.

#### **Wednesday, June 27th Reading Takes You Everywhere**

**Lecture: How to Arrange a Home Exchange within the U. S. or in Another Country.** Home exchange/swap services are a wonderful way to see other parts of our country or the world by living in someone else's home while they live in yours! Learn the basics, the different kinds and how to get started. Our speaker is Brock Fisher who has been successfully exchanging his home with fellow travelers for over 20 years.

#### **Wednesday, July 11th Reading Takes You Everywhere**

**Lecture: Cut the Cord--Streaming Basics.** Explore the world of entertainment without cable TV and use today's streaming for TV, film, music and even games. Learn the basics, the different types and how to get started! At the end of the program one attendee will win a FREE Fire TV stick with Alexa voice remote.

#### **Wednesday, July 18th Reading Takes You Everywhere**

**Film Screening: Tracks.** This film tells the remarkable true story of Robyn Davidson, a young woman who leaves her life in the city to make a solo trek through almost 2,000 miles of sprawling Australian desert. The screening will be from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in The Learning Center.

#### **Thursday, July 19th 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! The fun will begin at 4:30 p.m.

### **FRIENDS OF THE PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY Board of Directors**

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