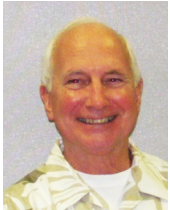




PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Chris Seidel, *President*



First and foremost, we extend a warm and hearty welcome to Jeannie Kays, Palm Springs' newly appointed Director of Library Services. Jeannie brings a wealth of library experience to her new position which, combined with her familiarity with the desert community, will stand her in very good stead. The Friends eagerly look forward to working with her.

At the October meeting of the FOPSL board, directors authorized two significant expenditures in support of library operations. First, they approved \$7,200 for advertising and promotional activities related to upcoming programs being offered at the library. Funds previously allocated for those were cut by the city creating an obvious void. Second, directors voted to provide \$22,000 for the purchase of new computers for the library's computer center replacing the existing outdated and ill-performing equipment. It is through the support of the Friends' members that such assistance is made possible, and we thank you very much indeed for that.

We express our appreciation to those of you who responded to the recent survey conducted for the Friends by O'Bayley Communications. More detailed information about the survey appears on page 2 of the newsletter. I have recently appointed a committee to study the survey results and to make related recommendations to the board of directors. Stay tuned!

And, as always, we would welcome any comments and suggestions from our members relative to the FOPSL and its activities. Contact me at chrisin312@aol.com

Going Green!

We are on the move to eliminate as much paper as possible. Our new website is being created and will be online within a month. There you will be able to read the latest news, respond to upcoming events, and pay your membership dues. We will be happy to include you in our online family, so if you already haven't, please send your email address to: friendsofthepalmspringslibrary@gmail.com. We will still send out print copies of the newsletter and event flyers to those who are not online.

The Friends Welcome New Library Director

Over 150 Friends members and library patrons enjoyed cookies and iced tea and the great weather in a reception for our new Library Director Jeannie Kays. It was especially nice to see Francis Nunan, whose husband Seamus, was one of the Founders of the Friends of the Library. She has been a member ever since.



Also in attendance was David Ready, City Manager, Tom Wilson, Assistant City Manager and David Gray, President of the Library Board of Trustees. Former Board of Trustee member Sue Sutton and former Friends Board members Vaughn Simon, Hank and Derry Levy, and Bob and Adriana Trogman also came to welcome Jeannie.

Thanks to all the Friends who brought books to donate to our sales shelf.

And special thanks to the local Starbucks for donating the iced tea and glasses. The manager, Morgan, and Adrianna helped with the preparation. There wasn't a drop left!



SUMMER MEMBER SURVEY

Barb Stanford, *Membership Chair*

The Friends of the Palm Springs Library engaged the firm of O'Bayley Communications this past spring to help us assess our visibility in the community, to improve our communications with the public and our FOPSL membership, and to gain input from all of you in order to formulate long term goals. The first step in this process was to conduct a survey of our FOPSL members, as well as community members, to find out how much people knew about our organization. This survey was conducted during the month of June.

Surveys were sent out electronically to all FOPSL members for whom we had email addresses, hard copies were placed in the Library for members of the public to complete, and hard copies were included with the mailing of the spring newsletter. Additionally, O'Bayley Communications sent surveys to a broad base of community members involved in other local and non-profit organizations.

We're pleased to report that we had an excellent response rate. The rate of return for the electronic surveys alone was 30%. This indicates to us that the community cares about our Library and our organization. We found that almost all the survey participants were aware of our organization, knew about and attended our Book Sales, and thought that our mission statement and goals were appropriate.

We are presently in the process of building a FOPSL website on which we can post upcoming events, announcements, and include tools to enable folks to make reservations for events, and join or renew membership in FOPSL. Our FOPSL Board will be reviewing the many specific responses and suggestions received, and will be taking action to implement suggestions. Thank you for participating in our Survey, and look for progress reports in future newsletters.

Welcome to Our New Members for June, July, August, September

Thank you for supporting the Friends!

PLATINUM LEVEL

Pollock, Robert and Eileen

PATRON LEVEL

Blockberger, Charles
Hostrop, LeeOna and Richard
Rittenhouse, Peter

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL

Clark, William
Eckdahl, John
Gwin, Patricia
Jordan, Cheryl
Nolan, Nancy
Robinson, Lila

DONATIONS

John Eckdahl
Peter Rittenhouse

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Jeannie Kays, *Director of Library Services*

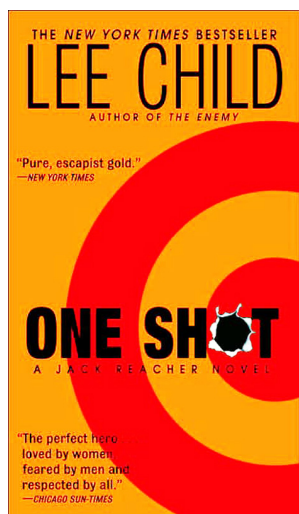
New Director and New Technologies at the Library



Hello everyone! I am the new Director of Library Services, having served for nearly eight years as the City Librarian at the Palm Desert Library and one year as the City Librarian of the Cathedral City Library. I look forward to my new adventure serving the community of Palm Springs. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for hosting a Welcome Social in my honor at the Library in October.

Besides having a new Library Director, you may have noticed some other changes taking place in the Library. We have installed a new self-check system that will make your transactions lightning fast. Customers have been stunned at the speed of the new self-check stations. The technology is called Radio Frequency Identification, or RFID. Instead of trying to scan individual barcodes on items, customers can place a few items at a time on the checkout sensor and the system automatically checks out the items by picking up the tiny radio signal in each item. The final process of our major project is the installation of an automated materials handling system complete with a conveyor belt sorting system. You are now able to return your library items into the opening where the book return was located and the system will automatically check in your items and print a receipt as proof of return. This system will improve customer service by reducing the staff time needed to process items and return them to the shelves to be checked out again. Come see our new, exciting technology. Library staff members are excited to show you the new system.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Friends of the Palm Springs Library for their generous sponsorship of our booth and giveaways at the Palm Springs Pride Festival (\$2,400), funding advertising to promote our library events this season (\$7,200), and purchasing new laptops for The Learning Center (\$22,000). We cannot wait to use the new laptops in our upcoming computer instruction classes. Your support of the library is to be commended!



What I'm reading: I have been furiously reading Lee Child's "Jack Reacher" series through the library's e-Book program, Overdrive.

If you have an iPad, Kindle, Nook, or even a smartphone, you can check out e-Books from the library with your library card.

Watch for Tom Cruise to star as Jack Reacher in the movie adaptation of "One Shot" this December.

BOOK SALE COMMITTEE

Richard Ellis, *Chair*

Welcome back to all you snowbird Friends and Library patrons! Stop by and check out our sale shelf in the library lobby!



DONATIONS: At this time we are in serious need of donations – books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks of all types. This past summer we experienced two floods in our book storage area, one caused by vandals stealing copper pipe and the other by a broken pipe in the restroom.

This resulted in the loss of over 50 cartons of books being stored for our next sale and for our sale shelf in the library. So, along with the usual summer slow-down of donations, our backstock is quite depleted. Please consider donating! Remember: We're always happy to receive your donation but we can't use phone books, old encyclopedia sets, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, magazines, photo albums, or out-of-date textbooks, travel guides, dictionaries or atlases. These are better re-used by placing them in your blue recycling bin.

BOOK SALE NEWS: Our next big sale will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 29, 30, and 31. We hope to be well-stocked with a wide variety of new items by then!

Given the flooding and very slow donations over the summer, we did not schedule a sale for the Fall this year. We'll be sending out emails and cards to remind you of the sale.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Derry Levy

Our last meeting was unusual because it featured a writer who is one of our members, Dr. Judi Hollis. She discussed *Bagels to Buddha*, her newest book, which is sort of a memoir of her career as a health/weight counselor. Readers especially liked the part about her stay in a Zen Buddhist monastery and then of course the sweat lodge. Thailand was interesting too.

Meetings are the third Friday of the month at two o'clock in the Library Learning Center unless otherwise announced. (Discussion leaders are in parentheses.)

NOVEMBER 16 *An Object of Beauty*, **Steve Martin** (Tory Hurst)

DECEMBER 21 *In the Garden of the Beasts*, **Erik Larson** (Eraine Schmit)

JANUARY 18 *What Maisie Knew*, **Henry James** (Lynn Bonsall)

FEBRUARY 15 *Mao's Last Dancer*, **Li Cunxin** (Mary Barlow)

MARCH 15 *The Fifteen Streets*, **Catherine Cookson** (Richard Bass)

APRIL 19 *Amsterdam*, **Ian McEwan** (Sandra Johnson)

MAY 17 *The Paris Wife*, **Paula McLain** (Ann Kepcke)

JUNE 21 *The Stranger*, **Albert Camus** (Richard Bass)

Thank you Friends of the Palm Springs Library for buying five copies of each book for the library. For questions about the book club, please call Derry Levy, 760 327 5506 hankderry@gmail.com

Getting to Know the New Library Director

By Julie Warren



Jeannie Kays with FOPSL Board Members Richard Ellis, Cathy Brandt, Leeona Hostrop, and Nanci Morrison.

Jeannie Kays, the new Director of the *Palm Springs Public Library*, has been a Valley resident for almost ten years. She and her husband Mike live in Cathedral City with their two cats Bailey and Max.

She came to the Valley from Missouri, growing up there and attending Missouri State University where she received her Bachelors of Science degree in Education. Moving to Seattle Washington, where she lived for seven years, she worked for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation which provided her the means to get her Masters Degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Washington.

After vacationing in Palm Springs, she and her husband were drawn to the desert by the beautiful mountains and wonderful weather. They first moved to Palm Springs, and after living here a year and accepting the job as the Library Manager at the Cathedral City Library, they bought their home and moved to Cathedral City.

After two years at that Library the opportunity at the Palm Desert Library became available and she accepted that position where she was the Library Manager for seven and a half years. She was instrumental in the remodeling project that the Palm Desert Library has been going through this past year, which will be completed in the Fall. Also, since 2008, she has served as an adjunct librarian to the College of the Desert.

Jeannie is looking forward to getting out into the Community and meeting the residents of, as well as visitors to Palm Springs. She is excited about the programs and services currently available at the Library and wants to be sure that everyone knows what's offered at the Library. "I love e-books and the Palm Springs Public Library has a great collection", said Kays. "I'm impressed with the variety of free programs offered to the community at the Library; there really is something for everyone".

So if you have a chance, come to the Library and meet our new Director, Jeannie Kays, and while you're there check out all the great DVDs, CDs, services and programs available at the Palm Springs Public Library, www.palmspringslibrary.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS @ THE LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 2012

*Fall Into Reading—For the Thrills and Chills! Oct. 27th – Dec. 1st
Make Reading a Part of Your Life! Register online or in-person at
the Library for this month long reading program for ALL ages!*

Saturday, November 10th

Fall Into Reading—For the Thrills and Chills! Celebrating International Games Day! Come to the Library from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and participate in this day of gaming. There will be activities, games and tournaments for all ages and prizes! So don't miss out on this fun day to celebrate reading and gaming.

Tuesday, November 13th

Healthier Living From Head to Toe: Healthcare Legislation—What's New and How will it Affect You? with Ann Mostofi, RN, CNO, VP of Patient Care Services. As the New Year approaches learn what changes to healthcare legislation are pending and how it may impact your care. This FREE program will begin at 6:00 p.m. in The Learning Center (TLC).

Advanced registration is requested—please call an Eisenhower Representative at 760-969-7770 Ext. 7560. This special health and wellness lecture series is presented in partnership with the Eisenhower Medical Center.

Saturday, November 17th

A special presentation by the Palm Springs Genealogical Society with guest speaker Gena Philibert Ortega. This FREE program will be from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in The Learning Center (TLC).

Tuesday, November 20th

Author Lecture: Sworn to Secrecy World War II presented by Annette Salvesen. This book chronicles the story of code breaking at Bletchly Park. It is important to remember these events and to celebrate our Veterans during this month of remembrance. This FREE program will begin at 6:00 p.m. in The Learning Center (TLC).

Tuesday, November 27th

Lecture: Caregiving for the Care Giver. Learn why it is so important to take care of yourself when caring for a loved one, Celebrating National Alzheimer's Awareness Month. Presented by Representatives from Senior Helpers and the American Red Cross, this FREE program will begin at 6:00 p.m. in The Learning Center (TLC).

DECEMBER 2012

Saturday, December 1st

Fall Into Reading—For the Thrills and Chills FINALE! Come to the Library from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and participate in this finale celebration.

Tuesday, December 4th

Nature Lecture: Ice Age Fossils of Joshua Tree National Park. Presented by Eric Scott, Curator of Paleontology at the San Bernardino County Museum, this FREE lecture will begin at 6:00 p.m. in The Learning Center (TLC), seating is limited. This program is presented in partnership with the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park.



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Friday, December 7th

Notes in the Desert a FREE Musical Performance series. Presenting a quartet of harpists featuring Dr. Vanessa Sheldon, playing a variety of music, from classical to holiday. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with the concert beginning at 6:30 p.m., first-come, first seated, no reservations.

Tuesday, December 11th

Nature Lecture: Climate Change Series-part 3 - Drought, and the Drying Landscape, presented by Dr. Debra Hughson, Science Advisor for the Mojave National Preserve. The lecture will begin at 6:00 p.m. in The Learning Center (TLC). This program is presented at the Palm Springs Public Library in partnership with the National Parks Conservancy Association.