



AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library

Spring 2018

Save the Date!

Friday, February 2, 5-8 pm

Book Den and Warehouse preview and sale for Friends members only

Saturday, February 3, 9 am – 4 pm Warehouse Sale

Open to the public

Sunday, February 11, 1-4 pm Combined Meeting: Friends of the Sacramento Public Library Annual Meeting and All Friends Meeting at Arden Dimmick Library

Thursday, February 22, 3-5 pm

Sacramento Public Library Authority Board of Supervisors Chambers

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Book Den and Warehouse Sale, open to public

Tuesday, March 13, 7 pm

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library Board meets at

Thursday, March 22, 3-5 pm

Sacramento Public Library Authority Board of Supervisors Chambers

Friday, April 6 5, 5-8 pm

Book Den and Warehouse preview and sale for Friends members only

Saturday, April 7, 9 am- 4 pm

Book Den and Warehouse Sale, open to public

Thursday, April 26, 3-5 pm

Sacramento Public Library Authority Board of Supervisors Chambers
700 H Street, Sacramento

BIG DAY OF GIVING!

Thursday, MAY 3

A Message from the Library Director

By Rivkah Sass



Those of you who know me know that I love being the director of the Sacramento Public Library, and I believe with all my heart and soul in the power of libraries and their ability to help each and every one of us transform our lives. After almost 40 years in my chosen profession, I'm still amazed by the fact that I learn something new every day and get to have so many adventures. I know the words "adventure" and "librarian" aren't always spoken together, but our daily lives might just surprise you.

In November, I was privileged to visit the Za'atari Refugee Camp, located near the Syrian border in Jordan. I spent a week assisting Dr. Karen Fisher, a professor at the University of Washington iSchool (my alma mater) in her work, and doing some work of my own. Dr. Fisher has spent the last three years working with refugees at Za'atari, researching how refugees find information that can help them, and developing deep relationships with some of the residents.

Za'atari is the temporary home to 83,000 Syrians, some of whom have been there for nearly six years. It is in effect a city where babies are born, children go to school, and people demonstrate a resiliency that could be a model for all of us, and yes, that includes using the five libraries located throughout the camp.

I was honored to be able to conduct workshops with community activators, as well as young girls who are part of an afterschool program called T.I.G.E.R. Girls (These Inspired Girls Enjoy Reading). Despite language barriers and experiencing a very different culture for the first time, I got to share what I love best, the joy of learning and discovery, and to do so with people who showed me nothing but kindness and generosity.

I was impressed by so much, from the genuine excitement that adults and children alike showed when I shared information about early literacy, to talking about life here in Sacramento (showing photos of my two dogs Cooper and Poesy was a big hit), to learning a few words and phrases in Arabic and showing my desire to learn about their experiences.

I'm grateful for the opportunity and thrilled that I will be going back soon to share my love and belief in the magic of libraries. I look forward to sharing more of my adventures with you.

The number one purpose of the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, as stated in our Articles of Incorporation, is to create public support for expanding the goals and objectives of the Sacramento Public Library and its Branch Libraries, and to advocate for them to the extent permitted by law.



Marisa Spar, Youth Services Librarian at Southgate Library, reads from one of the Book First selections at Camellia Elementary School.



First graders at Bowling Green Elementary School get into their Book First selections.

Surprises from Book First

By Ellen McCaslin

In its second year, Book First has expanded the number of schools and first-graders to be touched by the program. In the 2017-2018 school year, 158 schools that demonstrate 55 per cent or higher eligibility for free or reduced-price lunches will have been served by Book First, affecting almost 12,000 students in a positive way.

At the school visits, volunteers have the opportunity to tell the first-graders why the Friends decided to give them books: that we Friends love reading and that we raised money to buy the books that would pass along that love to them. After the Youth Services Librarians read a sampling from the available books and talk about the thousands of books and free programs available at the library, the students select a book of their own to keep.

After picking her book at one of the first school visits in December, a little girl shyly approached the Friends volunteer and pulled two greatly-loved and much-read books from her backpack. She said that since she had her new book, we could give her other books to someone else who might need them. While we gently declined her offer and urged that she add her new book to the two she already had, we were touched by her generous heart and realized that an additional benefit of Book First is in modeling the Friends' generosity to the young students.

We are acting to make Sacramento County a kind and literate place to live. As donors to the Big Day of Giving and volunteers who make Book First possible, we also benefit. In fact, many of our volunteers say that Book First gives us at least as much joy as it does the children we serve.

Members Discounts on Purchases from our Amazon and eBay Stores

Find our page at www.amazon.com/shops/bookdensacramento. Members will receive a 25% discount from the listed Amazon price. Provide the book title and member name to an Amazon Sales volunteer in one of three ways: email to fspl.amazon@gmail.com; text to Amazon Sales coordinator John Solie at (916) 402-1060; or in person with one of the Amazon Sales volunteers; ask at the Book Den cashier's desk. Pick up and pay for your item at the Book Den cashier's desk during normal business hours.

Our EBay site: www.stores.ebay.com/sacramentobookden. Contact us using the eBay "Contact Seller" function on the listing and tell us that you want to pick up the item at the Book Den store. We will notify you when the item will be at the Book Den cashiers table. Pick up and pay for your item during normal business hours. We will apply a 20% discount to the purchase price.

Remembering Arden-Dimick Library Volunteer Mary Ann Pearson

By Kerri Moore, Branch Supervisor

Our volunteer and friend Mary Ann Pearson passed away on December 24. Described by a past library board member who served with her in the mid 2000's as a "salt of the earth" Iowa farm girl, Mary Ann performed tasks ranging from chairing the Friends' membership drive, to preparing materials for children's programs, to recording volunteer hours. She was awarded the Library Volunteer-of-the-Year award in 2017 for her outstanding and dedicated service.

Mary Ann was an avid reader, reading several books a week and sharing her recommendations with others. It was always a pleasure to work with her, and it will be hard for library staff to adjust to not seeing her smiling face each week. Again, we thank her for her many years of service to the library.

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We would love to hear about the special events taking place at your library for inclusion in the *Among Friends* newsletter. Please forward your stories to newsletter@saclibfriends.org



Carmichael Friends Partner on New Mobile Program

A new mobile recreation program in Carmichael will include the Friends of the Carmichael Library. Carmichael Friends President Jack Harrison says the Friends envision providing children's books to be distributed through the program, as well as volunteers to read to children, and adds they are open to other possibilities as well. Other community partners include: Carmichael Kiwanis, San Juan Unified School District, Carmichael Recreation and Park District, Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District, Carmichael Chamber of Commerce, Advanced Home Health Hospice, Carmichael Water District, California Montessori Project, Aim Higher.



Book Den Report

By Pam Whiteley

Happy 2018! I hope one of your New Year's Resolutions is to take time to stop and read more books. We have plenty to choose from at the Book Den. Just about the time we clear our sorting tables off and congratulate each other, a new load of books arrives.

Our Member's Only sale in November showed our appreciation for our wonderful members and their support. It was busy, busy, busy. Refreshments were served and books were sold and, from all reports, we did better than last year in the sales department. Thank you to our members and our volunteers for coming out on a Sunday to support us and the library.

The January Bag Sale found us crowded, busy, and happy. Bad weather doesn't seem to deter book people. By the time it was over Saturday afternoon, it was shelf devastation and record sales. Philosophy, fiction, literature, and classics seem to be the popular sections. Looks like reading more books is on a lot of New Year's Resolutions lists. Don't worry, though. We have loads of books to restock the shelves for the next warehouse sale. If you missed this bag sale, the next one will be in June, and it will run for 3 days – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We will not have warehouse sales in July and August to give our volunteers a chance to weed out and update their shelves.

Driving or walking around Sacramento you may have seen some Little Libraries, loaded with books for locals to borrow, read, and return. Some are pretty elaborately decorated. Our Outreach Coordinator Extraordinaire, Pat Dansby, has a number of these that she has put together and stocked with books from the Book Den. If you're interested in doing this, email the Book Den and we'll put you in contact with Pat or make arrangements for you to pick out books for your own Little Library.

If you love books and are looking for something to do that makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside, check into volunteering with the Friends. At the Book Den you get paid in – wait for it – BOOKS!



Little Libraries brighten up neighborhoods

Friends Warehouse Sales

Friday, February 2

5-8 pm

Preview and sale for Friends members only
(Memberships available at the door)
Please note there is no parking allowed on the south
side of Belvedere.

Saturday, February 3

9 am – 4 pm

Open to public

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The Book Den is open every Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm
and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm.

Gift certificates are available at the Book Den. Use them at
both the Book Den and our Warehouse.

The Book Den and the Friends Warehouse are located at
8250 Belvedere, Suite E, Sacramento. For more information
or to find out about Book Den/Warehouse volunteer
openings, please contact: BookDen@SacLibFriends.org or
call (916) 731-8493.

2018 Branch Friends Book Sales

North Highlands-Antelope Library

Friends Book Sale

Friday, February 2, 1-6 pm

Saturday, February 3, 10am-3 pm

Sylvan Oaks Library

Friends Book Sale

Saturday, February 3, 11 am – 3:30 pm

Belle Cooleedge Library

Friends Pop-Up Book Sale

Tuesday, February 6, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm

Check our Web page for more Branch Friends Book Sale
dates:

www.saclibfriends.org

In addition to these special book sales, all branch libraries
have Friends book sale areas or bookstores that operate
during regular library hours. The Walnut Grove Book Keeper
is open on Thursdays from 1 – 4:30 pm and the 2nd
Saturday from 1 – 4 pm in the Walnut Grove Library.

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