

Summer 2008



Newsletter

Friends of the Santa Rosa Libraries

A Message from the Friends President

Hello Friends:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for another successful Book Faire. I would like to personally thank individuals but I am afraid I might leave someone out by accident. Many thanks also go to Santa Rosa Recycling and Collection for donating recycling bins to us. Jim Grady from KZST deserves another big, big thank you for putting our sale on the air. Without their help, our donation to the Library would be a good deal less money.

Our plans are to have mini-sales this summer. We will be at the Farmers Market at the Vets Building on July 12, we will be at the Gigantic Garage Sale at the Empire College Parking lot on June 21, and we plan to be at a couple of the Wednesday Night Downtown markets but have no dates set yet.

We can continue having successful sales with your help. We are looking for Tuesday volunteers at the downtown Library to sort, people to box books and various other tasks. We still need people for our sales. This would include set-up, cashiering, keeping tables full and neat during the sale and many other things. If you are interested please call Frank Morabito at (707) 542-0372 and you will become a Friend volunteer.

I want to again thank you for all your time and hard work, and enjoy your summer because October will be here soon.

*Frank Morabito, President
Friends of the Library*

Spring Book Faire

We had another successful Book Faire this past April with proceeds coming to \$38,600. Our Friends group was able to fund all the requests of the three branches (Central, Northwest and Rincon) amounting to just over \$17,000, with the remaining funds being held for future needs. The branches will use the funds for many Summer programs (Children, Young Adult and Adult), Summer Reading book giveaways and Fall programs. Money will also be used for book purchases, and Rincon will purchase an *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*.

A Special Thank You

While setting up the Spring Book Faire the Friends volunteers were kept well nourished with the good food brought to us by Linda Burton White, Del Guidinger and Kiyo Okazaki of the Central Branch and Ginny Gustin from Northwest. Thank you from those of us who enjoyed the good eats!

Look for the Friends' MINI BOOK FAIRES

this summer:

June 21, 2008 - The Gigantic Garage Sale
held at the parking lot behind Empire College

July 12, 2008 - Farmer's Market at the Santa
Rosa Vet's parking lot

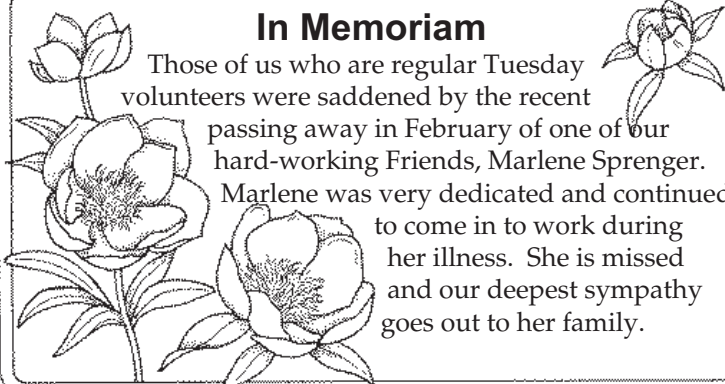
Sept. 20, 2008 - Courthouse Square Book Festival

Friends Membership

Your membership with Friends is much appreciated. Being a member means you get our quarterly newsletter with Faire dates and news about how Friends helps our Libraries. We are updating our mailing list so it is current. Your membership is for one year after you pay dues (unless you are a Life Member, which means you are our Friend Forever!). If you find a sticker under the return address with "RENEW" it's time to cut out the form below and send it along with a check. Please consider becoming a Life Member for \$100.00 (or more). If you receive this newsletter through email you will now get it in PDF format directly and we will send you a notice when your membership is up for renewal. Your membership and cash donations are very welcome - and don't forget they're also tax deductible.

In Memoriam

Those of us who are regular Tuesday volunteers were saddened by the recent passing away in February of one of our hard-working Friends, Marlene Sprenger. Marlene was very dedicated and continued to come in to work during her illness. She is missed and our deepest sympathy goes out to her family.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

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P.O. Box 1153
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Thank You from Central

Central's classical music collection got a major upgrade with an infusion of new CDs made possible by the Friends' donation. Patrons are already thanking us for the new music.

Funds from Friends were used to support many children's programs including a Wildlife Associates Program called "Animals of the Rainforest" presented during the spring break in April. Those attending were spellbound with a sloth, an anteater and a turkey vulture rescued and cared for by this group.

In May we were able to bring in a storyteller from Japan who told folktales in the oral tradition. Our teller, an elderly woman making her last visit to the United States, was well received by the audience.

And, many copies of well-loved and circulated children's fiction were replaced.

Upcoming Event at Central on June 27: Enter the coffeehouse atmosphere of the late fifties when Central Library hosts reading from works of famous Beat poets and authors in *Dig the Beat!*, an hour long program planned for Friday night, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. Readings will include excerpts from *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac and poetry by Allen Ginsberg, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Kenneth Rexroth, Diane DiPrima and other Beat poets.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Linda Burton White
Central Branch Manager

Northwest News

Funding from Friends provided two musical programs at the Northwest Branch this Spring. On March 14 traditional Irish songs and tunes by Peter, Marla and Susan in celebration of St. Patrick's Day were performed. On May 3 a program of traditional old-time music of the American South was presented by the Ridgetop Revelers. Audience members at both performances expressed great enthusiasm and happiness that programs of this type are being offered at Northwest for the first time.

Northwest has a small, but active teens group that meets at the branch the first Friday of every month at 4:00 p.m. during the school year. Friends' funds provide the juice, cookies and an occasional pizza while the teens meet and plan events, decorate the Library for special occasions and help with craft programs. They also shelve books in the Young Adult area, and many will help with the Summer Reading Program.

Ginny Gustin
Northwest Branch Manager

The Latest from the Rincon Valley Branch

Thanks to the Friends we were happy to provide programs for Adults this Spring: a Feng Shui program in April during National Library Week and in May we had Mark Gregory present "Shakespeare in the Library."

Children's programs included the Traveling Lantern Theatre presentation of the popular "Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" in February, and storyteller Georgia Churchill visited during Children's Book Week and delighted all ages with fairy/folktales.

Watch for the Wild Catahoulas (Cajun/Zydeco music) this coming August!

Anne Marie Murphy
Rincon Valley Branch Manager

FALL BOOK FAIRE

October 17-20, 2008

Mark your
calendar!