



The Friends of the Santa Rosa Libraries

Newsletter Fall 2010



Literacy program tutor coordinator Jamie Bowen with volunteer tutors, from left, Don McGuire, Jim Ryan and Tom Lundgren.

city is Istanbul and that you can get really good Chinese food in Dahab! What a life. The truly exceptional thing about Jamie's past is that she spent two years serving in the Peace Corps in Mali, Africa. If you are unfamiliar with the life and culture in Mali, I'm sure she would gladly fill you in on all its wonders.

At a recent tutor workshop Jamie lead a roundtable with twenty volunteers, brainstorming different techniques and options for keeping tutoring sessions fresh while inspiring our tutors with new ways to approach their lesson plans. The tutors left with some good ideas

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Literacy Program News

But Can She Type?

When I was a little girl, on several occasions, my mother would tell me: never learn to type. She said that I would be somebody's secretary and that I would never get to develop my own skills. Little did she know that we would all grow up to become our own secretary, plucking away with skill or hunting and pecking with a couple of fingers on computers (not typewriters!) way more than anyone in their right mind should. I bring this up because although my mother had good intentions about what I should not do, she never talked to me about what I could do. This is a conversation that should be as commonly talked about as talking about the weather, because throughout our lives, many of us have to or want to reinvent ourselves.

When I first met Jamie Bowen our office needed help. She arrived ready and willing to tackle both large and small projects. In case you don't know who Jamie Bowen is, she is the Tutor Coordinator for the Adult Literacy Program. She was born and raised in Santa Rosa where she attended local public schools and participated in innovative teaching methods such as creative spelling in elementary school! She majored in economics and minored in history at UNC, Chapel Hill. She is well-traveled; I overheard her once say that her favorite

New literacy books have arrived in the Literacy office and will soon be added to the library collection at the three Santa Rosa branches! These high-interest books were purchased with the money raised by the Friends.

Thanks to your donations, our customers now have easy readers that are current, relevant and interesting. What is so splendid is that they can be checked out at the circulation desk! New Easy English signs will alert staff and patrons to these new books that soon will be on the shelves at Rincon, Central and Northwest.

How fortunate we are to have you as our Friends! The Literacy office is full of gratitude for your generosity!



News From The Branches

This summer over 80 young adults signed up for the Teen Reading Program at the Central Library! They Made Waves during three special events as well: making bleach-effect t-shirts, sewing stuffed creatures, and apply-

ing henna tattoos.

Also this summer, over 607 kids signed up for the Summer Reading Program at Central, with over 840 people attending our programs. More than 200 kids and their families enjoyed the 2010 Program Finale on Wednesday, July 28. The kids met Snoopy, picked out free books, ate ice cream sandwiches, and created such craft masterpieces as a shark hat, a jellyfish, a fishbowl, and an aquarium with supplies made possible by Friends' funding. —Kim Endoso.

On Thursday, October 28, at 4:00 p.m., the Central Library will present The Incredible Halloween Magic Hat Show. Children are invited to come to the event wearing costumes and they will be led in a parade throughout the library. This will be an especially fun event for the children featuring Benny, a master old world showman who travels and works with schools as a wizard and magician, and Bebe. Benny is a true professional who knows how to delight kids. Thanks so much to the Friends

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News From The Branches

of the Santa Rosa Libraries for funding this great program!

On Sunday, November 7, at 3:00 p.m., celebrated storyteller and performer Jim Weiss will visit the Central Library to entertain kids with stories from folk tales and mythology.

On Saturday, December 11, at 11:00 am, the Central library will host its popular Gingerbread House Program. During this program, children will build their own gingerbread houses. Using graham crackers, frosting and way too much candy, kids will enjoy making



their winter dreams come true.

All three programs will be presented in the Forum Room of the Central Library.

A full slate of adult programs will also be presented this Fall. Liz Parsons will present a program entitled Landscaping with Native Plants at the Central Library on Saturday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Parsons is a fellow and past-president of the Milo Baker Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. She has written many articles on gardening with California native plants, based on her experiences in her Kenwood garden. The program will be presented as a lecture and digital slideshow.

The Sonoma Strings, a string quartet, will present a musical program at the Central Library on Saturday afternoon, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. The musicians in this string quartet have been making beautiful music together for over fifteen years. The members of So-

noma Strings include veterans and current members of many well-known symphony and philharmonic orchestras. The current line-up of Sonoma Strings features Pam Otsuka on violin, Ned Phipps on violin, Steve Watrous on viola, and Sally Hernandez on cello.

The Landscaping with Native Plants program and the Sonoma Strings performance will both be presented in the Forum Room of the Central Library. The programs are open to the public free of charge, so stop on by.

We want to thank the Friends of the Santa Rosa Libraries for so generously providing the funds that make the presentation of these programs possible. Friends' funding helps us offer wonderful programs for our patrons of all ages. —Doug Cisney

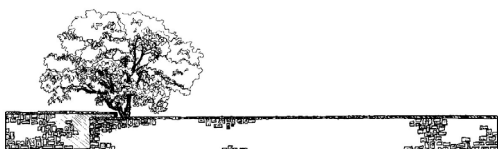
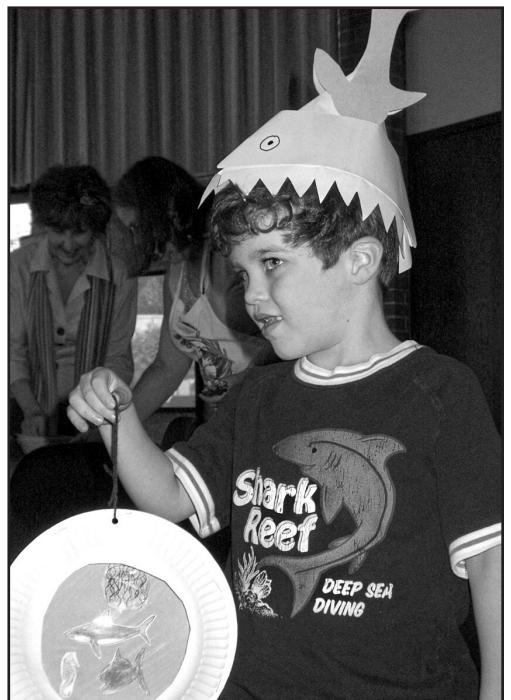
To end a remarkable summer, Rincon Valley Library hosted a performance from award winning children's musician Tim Cain on Saturday, August 28. Tim has a magical way of getting children of all ages dancing and singing along to his now very famous repertoire of songs. We get special requests to have him come back frequently! September kicks-off with lots of returning series for children and families. Wednesday morning toddler and preschool story-times return and will have the building buzzing with energy from the 0-5 year-old age group. Lemonade Hour Read Along for students in grades 3-6 returns as well. This fall we will be sharing two great books, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing and Because of Winn-Dixie. Lemonade and cookies top out an enjoyable hour of reading aloud in a small group. Family Nights also kick-off monthly in September. Family Nights are extra special because the families get story-time and a craft to share together. Late in October we will be celebrating Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead with a program of decorating sugar skulls on Saturday, October 30. Another highlight this fall will be a series of weekly drop-in crafts including a cute paper bag owl project early in October, a Halloween themed-craft project in late October, and writing supplies to make thank you letters to commemorate Veterans Day in November. Thank you Friends for making our fall children's events at Rincon Valley Library possible!! —Jennifer Duran



Above, penguin races at the Rincon Valley Summer Reading Program Finale. Sydney Millea, left, and Jack Mauro-Brown, below, get crafty at the Central library's Summer Reading Program wrap-up.

This past summer broke all previous records for teen volunteers. Jennifer Duran trained 39 helpers to assist with Summer Reading registration. These teens were enthusiastic and kept to their weekly schedules and duties in a conscientious manner. Thank you teens!

Our Young Adult Services Librarian, Tiffany Bronzan, began her maternity leave on September 18 and will return in six months. Tiffany and her family welcomed a baby boy, Luke Andro Bronzan, on Thursday, September 23. Although we will miss Tiffany, we are also grateful to have a long-term substitute, Celma Luster, taking her place at the Reference Desk.





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Saturday, **October 23**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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