




Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library

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Quarterly Newsletter

May 2016 - July 2016

Another Successful Book Sale!

By Victoria Schauf, Vice President of Book Sales

Our book sale took place on the first two Saturdays in March, earlier in the year than previous book sales. We had wonderful volunteer support! We earned approximately \$2,000.

Our volunteers performed an enormous amount of work to obtain these important funds to support our library.

Flo Eichenberg organized and worked with volunteers **Sue Parker, Ann Long, Pat Boyd, Jim Eichenberg, Pamela Evans, Vickie Hill, Albert Nichols, Lucette Poulin, and Jeanette Smith** to inventory and price books and display them for sale in our Annex. **Michael T. Delaney** did heavy lifting to bring books out for display. **Bill Eichenberg** recruited and worked with **Jim Eichenberg, Peter Wiley** and volunteers from the **Navy Branch Clinic** to do the heavy lifting to return inventory to stock. Bill also enlisted **Helen Baker, Vicki Siegel, and Jo Lish** to serve as cashiers and Bill handled the proceeds for us. **Vicki Siegel** worked on publicity. Thanks to you all.

John Anderson evaluated, priced, and sold many interesting and collectible books. **Vickie Schauf** was fortunate to get help with restocking on sales days from many dedicated volunteers including: **Betty Aley, Kathy Boomer, Dave Burdick, Tina Deal, Marj Fairfield, Vivian Hayes, Lynn Heatherton, Kathy Jacobs, Peggy Johnson, Mary Kus, Ann Lenz, Mary Leschuga, Tina Liska, Penny Loper, Barbara Lupei, Terry Middlemiss, Linda Minshew, Barbara Murray, Becky Parker, Roy Parris, Don Raef, Karen Sizemore, John Taggart, and Darlene Wheeler.** **Carol Pearson** and **Vicki Siegel** renewed memberships. Thanks to all of you.

Thanks go as well as those who stock and cull books in our areas within the library: **Anna Garback, Mary Garback, Barbara Murray** and **Don Stapleton**, and those who pick up and transport truckloads of donations and remove truckloads of culls: **Bill Eichenberg** and **Roy Parris**.

Our next book sale is scheduled for September 9 and 16, 2016. We look forward to seeing all of you there, both as volunteers and as customers.

Reading Shaman Update



Jerry Bradley Corian rendering of the Reading Shaman. For the real deal visit the library and see him up close and personal.

The concrete support for the Median Art sculpture "Reading Shaman" was poured and we will soon see the actual statue in the median near the library just north of Coso Street (the Post Office) on China Lake Boulevard. In the meantime the shaman is residing in the library. Please feel free to visit him and wish him luck as he gets closer to the end of his journey. Again we must thank **Milt Burford** for his efforts to get the statue in its proper place. He brought him to the library from Bakersfield, on that leg of his trip.

REMEMBER, BOOKS, MAGAZINES, T-SHIRTS, AND BOOK BAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR ONGOING SALE AT THE LIBRARY.

Friends of the Ridgcrest Branch Library is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Friends of Kern County Library since 1986. Visit the County Library web site at www.kerncountylibrary.org

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Board Meeting Calendar

May 18, 2016
August 17, 2016
September 21, 2016
October 19, 2016

No meetings in June, July, or December

Meetings are held in the Library's Community Room at 10:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. **YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** Use the Community Room entrance on the west side of the Library

Library Hours

Mon. Closed
Tues. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Wed. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Fri. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sun. Closed

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President's Message

By Sandy Bradley



I hope you have been able to enjoy some flowers and sunny weather this spring. We have been a busy and productive group the first few months of the year. The March two-weekend book sale earned good funds, and we signed up many new members thanks to Vickie Schauf, Flo and Bill Eichenberg, Carol Pearson, Sue Parker, John Anderson, Vicki Siegel, and their many helpers.

Measure F

After significant effort by ALE and many other supporters, the Kern Board of Supervisors voted to let the people decide if they are willing to pay more for better libraries. They put Measure F on the June primary ballot. The vote was 3 to 2, and our own Mick Gleason was the deciding vote. Thank you, Mick, for allowing the public to decide if they want to support libraries

What is Measure F. It is a tiny tax (1/8 of 1% = 12.5 cents per \$100!) which will go only to support libraries in Kern County. There is a citizen oversight board to ensure that the money goes only to the libraries for programs, staffing, materials, technology, maintenance, and construction. It has been very successful in Fresno County – the county most like Kern in all of California.

The Friends board does support Measure F. If you have any questions about it, please ask and we will be happy to answer why we think this is the only answer to solve our current funding problem. If this does not pass, we expect the Board of Supervisors to take the opportunity to contract the library management to LSSI, a for-profit corporation from Maryland. The library will cease to be a “public” library and will have to generate a profit for entrepreneurs not the citizens of Kern.

We will use our Facebook page, emails, newsletters, and local media to advocate support for Measure F. We hope you will join in the support of this important election measure. It is the best chance we have to double the library budget and really make a difference.

Facebook

As some of you have discovered, the Friends of the Ridgcrest Branch Library has its own Facebook page. Please visit it for updates on events and activities. We use this page to talk about fundraisers like our monthly Pizza Factory and Beansters event.

That is every third Wednesday of the month when they donate 30% of their receipts to us. We also use it to inform about the status of the library re: contracting out and advocating for Measure F. Sometimes we have some fun pictures and stories to share. So, Like us please and visit us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-Ridgcrest-Branch-Library-1055290164499673/>



LIBRARIAN'S



CORNER

By Charissa Wagner, Acting Branch Supervisor

We have had a fun spring so far with more to come! We are building partnerships with the community. There was another successful Local Author Showcase in partnership with the Ridge Writers group in April and an Earth Day plant workshop for kids sponsored by Home Depot. A Snake Safety talk is coming up at the end of the month in a partnership with the fire station next door (Capt. Nicoll) and the Maturango Museum.

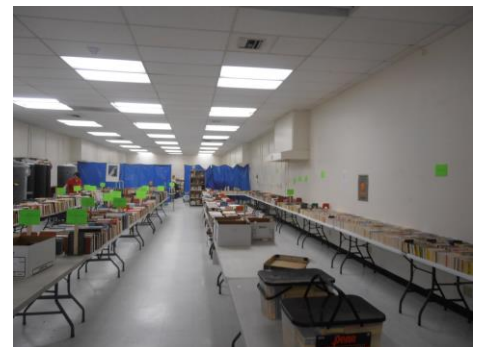
Summer Reading Challenge supplies have been shipped! Majority of the events have been planned and it will be a fun-filled summer. The Friends of the Kern County Library are providing almost all of the free book choice incentives as well as two programs for all branches - Omnipresent Puppet Theater and The Magic of Christopher Lopez. The always generous FRBL has made it possible for these shows to come to Ridgecrest: Beth Armogida Planetarium, Wild Child Adventures (bubbles), ii V I Jazz Trio, E & M's Reptile Family, Jim Cogan (participation storyteller), as well as a variety of crafts and other activities. The Evan Etoch Memorial Foundation is sponsoring the Stuntmasters BMX Impact show with ramps! This will free up some money for two programs to appear at the Inyokern Elementary outreach location (magician Christopher Lopez in June and ii V I Jazz Trio in July).

Our local community is again, being very generous with coupons and reading incentives for finishers of all ages! We offer Summer Reading Challenge for children, teens, and adults, which has been successful for the last couple of years. Not many branches offer an adult program, but as we have the third highest circulation, we do not want to leave out the adults!

This allows me to lead into some educational information about Measure F. If you haven't heard, it is a dedicated library funding sales tax measure of $\frac{1}{8}$ of a cent. For every \$100 spent on taxable goods, it will cost an extra 12.5 cents! The funding will be used to increase open hours and days at ALL branches, purchase more materials for ALL branches, and upgrade technology for faster computers (on a replacement schedule)! If you want more information, see other parts of the newsletter or contact any/all of these entities: the Ridgecrest Branch Library, Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library, Ridgecrest Yes on F, or Advocates for Library Enhancement.



We got so busy during our spring sale that we forgot to take pictures. We did get a couple shots during set-up, however. Be sure to mark your calendar for September 9 & 16 for our fall sale.



What are FRIENDS for?

By Victoria Schauf, Vice President of Book Sales

Find time to vote for proposition **F**.
Read and help others to enjoy reading.
Invest time, effort and money in our library.
Enrich themselves and others at our library.
Need access to a variety of good books.
Depend on our library.
Support proposition **F** for our libraries.

In Support of Measure F

By Vicki Siegel

Perhaps nowhere do citizens get more for free than the local library. Wi-Fi and computer access, books, magazines, movies, and music are just the start. Many Kern County branches, including Ridgecrest, offer classes on everything from art to technology help, as well as lectures, movies, game nights, nutrition and cooking programs, and more. While children's areas, story time and crafts are library traditions, teen-only spaces and programs have become another must, not to mention quiet study nooks. Common free digital resources include e-books, and audio-books. We all know that the Kern County budget is so dire that the Ridgecrest jail is now set to close on June 30 if there's not mitigation. That is the reason that the Measure "F" initiative that's on the June 7 ballot must pass, because if it doesn't the Kern County Board of Supervisors has made it quite clear that they're going to open up the conversation with a private for-profit company located in Maryland to take over the management and operation of all Kern County libraries. This will be a disaster for the future of our library services, and the dedicated, hard-working library personnel. Please consider the fact that the 1/8 of one percent sales tax increase that Measure "F" is about is ONLY 12.5 cents on a one-hundred dollar taxable purchase! It is literally a dime and 2 pennies! And it doesn't even apply to most groceries because they are not taxable. Unknown to many, Measure 30 (a 3 year measure to collect data on educational services) expires on December 31, 2016. Unless there's a tax issue on the November ballot, sales tax in Kern County is set to fall from 8.25% to less than 8% even with Measure "F"! Please consider that this ballot measure is our, the citizens', last chance to not only save our libraries, but improve them.

Membership News

By Carol Pearson, Vice-President-Memberships

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our library support group.

- Bob Kirchmeier
- Jessie Perez
- Jessica Ryan
- Andrea Thompson
- Sarah Wersan

Please note your renewal date that appears on your mailing address of this newsletter. I will send renewal notices via postcard or e-mail to remind you, but it helps a lot when you notice and respond. **When you do renew, please include “Friends” on your envelope address so that library staff can quickly route it to us.**

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BOOK STORE HOURS

MONDAY—CLOSED

TUESDAY—11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—CLOSED through end of summer to accommodate library programs

THURSDAY—1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY—CLOSED

SATURDAY—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

SUNDAY—CLOSED



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