



Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library

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Quarterly Newsletter

February 2017 - April 2017

President's Message

By Sandy Bradley

Hello Friends.

Welcome to a new year and a new administration. The Friends have also had some changes and we have added some new faces to our board. After years of support we say thank you and farewell to Vickie Schauf, Vice President of Book Sales; and Bill Eichenberg, Treasurer. We welcome Helen Ferguson as our new Treasurer. Some of you may remember Helen, who served as the president of the Friends in the past. We are happy to have her back in town and again involved.

We continue to look for additional financial support to add to the monies we get from the book sales that provide the largest source of our revenue. The monthly fundraiser at Pizza Factory and Beansters has been a bonus and we will continue it this year – every third Wednesday. We get 30% of the profits if you mention the friends when you order inside or for takeout orders.

We also appreciate WACOM, United Way, and the Combined Federal Campaign. Those organizations have supported us in the past, and we will continue to submit requests when available. We are thankful for their generosity. We have been looking into new donations and will let you know if we are successful.

Individuals and community businesses have also supported of the library via the Friends. We appreciate the support we have received from the Peck Family Foundation, Milt Burford, and Jim Gregory. The many businesses that have supported us this past year are listed in the newsletter later on. Please be sure to thank them for their support of the Friends when you visit them.

Each of our members and volunteers brings unique qualities and talent to the Friends. We are fortunate to have so many of you willing to donate your time to help us, by sorting and pricing books and magazines, listing special books and making them available online, repairing books, helping the library staff, and selling items in the store and at sales. I know that isn't all, but you each contribute and we all benefit. Thank you and let's continue to make 2017 a better year for the library.

Spring Book Sale

This year, the Spring Book Sale will be held on two Saturdays, March 4 and March 11, in the same location as last year, 1301 N. Norma. That is at the "annex" located in the Albertsons Sierra Vista Center next to the Baptist Church and across from Miso Sushi. The sale hours will begin at 9:00 a.m. for Friends members and at 10:00 a.m. for nonmembers and end at 3:00 p.m. Memberships will be available for purchase.

In addition to hardbound and paperback books, there are magazines, audio books, tiny books, special collectible books, and book sets. There are books for children, and special gift items, e.g. book bags, T-shirts, and note cards for the book lover. Posters, LP records, CDs, DVDs, videos, and a variety of unique items will all be for sale. The prices are lower than elsewhere. We hope you will come by and take advantage of the opportunity to stock up.

Librarian's Corner

By Charissa Wagner, Acting Branch Supervisor

Welcome 2017! We are starting the year off with some big changes at the Kern County Library. First, our amazing and wonderful Director, Nancy Kerr, accepted a position as Director at the Bellingham Public Library in Washington State. For the last two years she was an awesome fighter and fabulous advocate for the Kern County Library and she is missed. Andie Apple, who was Assistant Director, has been named the Interim Director. Second, Mandy Walters (librarian at Southwest and co-founder of Advocates for Library Enhancement) has also left Kern County, accepting a position as Library Director at the Pend Oreille County Library District, also in Washington state (but clear across the state to the east). While we are excited for them to be moving to areas with considerably higher library support, it is sad to see them go.

The Ridgecrest Branch was one of three Kern County Library branches selected for the LSTA "We Tech So You Tick" grant. The grant will provide some wired furniture, collaboration table, Chrome Books, charging stations, and the largest component is Digital Literacy Classes. From February through May, we will be offering a series of classes on Saturdays at 3:30 pm. The first Saturday will be "Computer Basics" to cover the basics of what a computer is. The second Saturday will be "Setting Up An Email Address" to cover the basics of setting up and using email. The third Saturday will be "Word Basics" to cover the basics of using Microsoft Word. The fourth Saturday will be "Mobile Devices and Downloading eBooks" to cover the basics of using eBooks on mobile devices. These classes are free and will be the same every month. PLEASE let anyone you know who might be interested.

Planning is underway for events in March until July, which includes Summer Reading Challenge. This summer's theme is "Reading By Design" so we are trying to incorporate more arts and crafts and things that go along with "designing". We would love to have anyone interested in sharing their talents with our children, teens, or adults. If you like to draw, paint, craft, or design and would like to teach others, let me know! We are also looking for adult readers to sign up and complete our Summer Reading Challenge of 10 books. We had great participation from adults last summer and gave out some fantastic prizes. This year we are working to get even more fantastic prizes for adults. If you know of any businesses who would be willing to donate a prize for our Summer Reading Challenge finisher drawings, please let me know.

DIGITAL LITERACY CLASSES

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. from February through May

- 1st Saturday: Computer Basics
- 2nd Saturday: Setting Up And Using Email
- 3rd Saturday: Word Basics (Microsoft Word)
- 4th Saturday: Mobile Devices & Downloading eBooks

Friends of the Ridgecrest 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

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Board Meeting Calendar

February 15, 2017
March 15, 2017
April 19, 2017
May 17, 2017

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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Membership News

By Carol Pearson, Vice-President–Memberships

As we begin 2017, we would like to acknowledge generous members who contributed \$50 (Sponsor level) or more as they renewed their membership during 2016.

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Your renewal date should appear on your mailing address but I will not have the opportunity to highlight it if you need to renew. As always, I will send renewal notices via postcard or email to remind you but it helps a lot when you notice it and respond. When you do renew, please include “Friends” on your envelope address so library staff can quickly route it to us.

<u>FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP</u>	
Date: _____	
Memberships Are Renewable Annually	
Organization/Business Name: (Business memberships start at the \$50)	
Individual Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	
Mailing Address: _____	
Phone: _____	Email: _____
Type of Membership (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual..... \$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Family..... \$10.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining..... \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsoring..... \$50.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor..... \$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Other Contribution\$ _____	
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I am interested in helping in Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library activities. I am especially interested in <i>(check all that apply)</i>:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Book Sales <input type="checkbox"/> Writing for the Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Answering E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Book Sale in the Library <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Book Sales <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Magazine Sale in the Library <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know what I'm interested in, please call me <input type="checkbox"/> Pricing Books for Sale	

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION SUPPORTERS

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Literacy Council of IWV, Inc.
McDonald's of Ridgecrest
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Rusty Warren's Automotive
Sierra Sands Unified School District
TJ Frisbee Bicycles
Vincent Avalos, Edward Jones Investments
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Please let these generous contributors know that you appreciate their support of our Library.

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



Check the date on your mailing label! Is it time to renew your membership? If so, please take a moment to fill out and return the application on the other side. Not time to renew yet? Pass the application on to a friend!

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