



# Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library

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Quarterly Newsletter

February 2018 - April 2018

## Cool Summer Book Sale

*By Janice Norcross, Vice President of Book Sales*

Come cool off with cool books for summer reading on Saturday, June 23, from \*8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the annex, 1301 N. Norma. We have many boxes of books that have not been displayed before that will be featured in this sale, starting with loads of fiction in hardback and paperback. We're making room to display our full stock of books by authors whose names begin with "H" and "S". Extra space is also being dedicated to biographies and books on diet, health, and exercise.

Vintage books, published before 1949, will be on sale at half the price our researchers found online for the same book. Most of these books are collectibles, and some are signed.

\* Members can stay cool by arriving early, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Memberships can be purchased or renewed at the door. All are welcome after 9:00 a.m.

The article regarding Little Free Libraries in the last newsletter incorrectly identified the sorority acting as steward to maintain the library in Inyokern Park. Our apologies to members of **Perceptor Lambda Mu** sorority for the error.

## A Big Applause

*By Janice Norcross, Vice President of Book Sales*

This is a big Thank You for all our book sale volunteers...more than 30 of you! The April 7 and 14 Spring Sale was a success because of your time and energy. We raised \$3,320.89. Again, a great big round of applause for you!





# President's Message - Spring 2018

By Sandy Bradley

**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 [www.kerncountylibrary.org](http://www.kerncountylibrary.org)

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**Board Meeting Calendar**

May 17, 2018  
August 15, 2018  
September 19, 2018  
October 17, 2018

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

Phone: (760) 384-5870

It is definitely Spring and we have warmer, sunnier days ahead. The Friends have stayed busy with our semi-annual book sale, earning over \$3,000. We have a nice thank you to all the volunteers elsewhere in the newsletter. I wanted to thank Janice Norcross for her long hours of work that made this sale such a success. A special thank you goes to Sharon Smith, for the new name tags she made to identify the volunteers.

Our own John Anderson has retired from the job of selling special books online via Amazon. His contributions over the years resulted in the Friends receiving thousands of dollars for valuable books. His work made a big difference in our coffers and we can't thank him enough. He is a true gem. Fortunately a new volunteer, Loralynn Chrostowski, has taken over the program and we can continue to sell these books online. Thank you John, and Loralynn too.

I continue to look at other libraries seeking ideas to improve our own. The Dayton Library in Ohio provides a wonderful example of what a library can be. Please take a look and see what you think.

<https://nextcity.org/features/view/dayton-is-making-the-library-a-must-visit-destination>

May you enjoy the weather with family, friends, and books.

**RECYCLE FOR THE FRIENDS**

Our good friend Roy Parris has made an arrangement with Pearson recycling. If you bring your recyclables to Pearson's Recycling Center – especially, aluminum and plastic bottles, and mention that it is for the Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library, they will give the proceeds back to us. You do something good for the earth, and the library at the same time. So next time you have some cans or bottles to recycle take them in for the friends. It is a win-win.

Dave Pearson's Recycling Center  
1536 N Mahan St, Ridgecrest, CA 93555,  
Phone: 1.760.446.0449

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.





# LIBRARIAN'S

# CORNER

By Charissa Wagner, Acting Branch Supervisor

We are getting ready for Summer Reading Challenge, which kicks off with The Magic of Christopher Lopez on Friday, June 1, at 3:00 p.m. (sponsored by the Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc. and going to all branches). I'm excited to report that we will partner with the Sierra Sands Unified School District to be a Lunch at the Library location! A FREE lunch will be served to ANYONE UNDER 18 on Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For \$3.75, adult caregivers can buy a meal. We'll have simple activities during lunch every day, both inside and outside, along with other activities in the afternoon on some days.

Adults can participate in the Summer Reading Challenge too! We almost doubled the number of adult finishers from the summer of 2016 (25 finishers) to the summer of 2017 (47 finishers), so we are hoping to reach triple digits in 2019. If you already read or listen to books on CD and can get through 10 in June and July, then this is for you! The theme this year is "Reading Takes You Everywhere!" so we will be incorporating the theme of travel as we can. Just for finishing, you get a reusable tote bag and can pick out a free book. For every five additional books read or listened to, you're entered for some great prizes.

Some activities of interest to adults will be: Sing-A-Long with the Caliches, Escape Room, Planetarium, Vacation Photo Tips, Taste the World (trying different foods), Glass Rock Magnet craft, Roaming Reptiles, TV Boosters, DIY Spa Items, Pub Trivia, and Tutu's Shave Ice. Keep an eye out for the events calendar coming out towards the end of May. Pub Trivia is another event that is always a lot of fun, even if you don't know all the answers! There is usually a good variety of questions and the next one is in June, on Tuesday, June 19, at 6:00 p.m. at Casey's Steaks and Barbecue. If you have any doubts or questions, contact Terri Middlemiss, as she has attended a few of the Pub Trivias and always has a great time!

Here are a few new additions to the branch. The tables were purchased with FRBL funding and will make it easier for setting up for events such as The Magic of Christopher Lopez, the Folk Band Caliches of County Kern, the Beth Armogida Planetarium, and the Omnipresent Puppet Theater. The matching magazine covers seen in the background along with the magazine racks in the next picture were purchased with funds donated in memory of the wonderful Bill Eichenberg. Look for a few new additions to the branch, hopefully in time for Summer Reading Challenge.



## This 'n That

by Vicki Siegel

Totally by accident I found a great item on eBay that I think may be of interest to you, too (I have no financial or personal link to the Seller/Artist whatsoever ... just was wowed by the clever usefulness of what she does with books). Have you ever heard of Secret Diversion Safe Hollow Books? Me either! But a lady named Jennifer who sells her items on eBay makes them. She takes REAL paper hardback books and hollows out some of the pages to make a secret storage area! She has lots and lots of titles to choose from, plus if you have a special request, she will try to find that book and use it for your Book Safe. They're quite reasonable in cost and have so many uses for hiding special items and no one would have a clue. If you want to check it out you can go to eBay and type in jen.w.8675309 in the search bar.

Cheers and Happy Reading in 2018!

### Coming to PBS this Spring! "The Great American Read"

100 of the best-loved books in America will be discussed, and in the last of the eight-part series you will have the opportunity to vote on your all-time favorite book (via phone, text, etc.). The series starts May 22 on your local PBS station.

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## Newsletter Editor Needed



After serving for more than 10 years, our newsletter editor has retired and we need a volunteer to fill the position. The job isn't hard and doesn't require much more than basic word processing skills. FRBL Board members write and submit articles for publication and the editor simply copies them into a newsletter format (use the current format or have some fun and design your own), does a little minor editing if necessary (it seldom is), and sends the finished product off to the printer. That's all there is to it!

The newsletter is published only four times a year so we're not talking a huge time commitment here. If this sounds like something you could help with, please contact any board member (contact info on page 2).

# Membership News

By Carol Pearson, Vice-President-Memberships

As usual our big sales provide a nice boost in membership. We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our library support group.

Jenna Amato  
 Judy Benckendorf  
 Jennifer Diaz  
 Ike Fujiwara  
 Geri Hensley  
 Dennie & Debbie Hillis

Crystal Huddleston  
 Tamara Huddleston  
 Ann Moorehead  
 Emelyn Parker  
 Michael Phillips  
 Donald Ramaglia

Debbie & Larry Schiller  
 Chrys Seles  
 Madeleine Smith  
 Susan Tipton  
 Karen Williams-Murphy

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 library staff can quickly route it to us.

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

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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memberships Are Renewable Annually**

**Organization/Business Name:**  
 (Business memberships start at the \$50)

Individual Name:       Miss    Mrs.  
                                   Ms.     Mr.

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Membership (check one):**

- Individual..... \$5.00
- Family..... \$10.00
- Sustaining.....\$25.00
- Sponsoring..... \$50.00
- Benefactor..... \$100.00
- Other Contribution .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

- New Member
- Renewal

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**I am interested in helping in Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library activities. I am especially interested in *(check all that apply)*.**

- Annual Book Sales
- Writing for the Newsletter
- Answering E-mail
- Ongoing Book Sale in the Library
- Internet Book Sales
- Becoming a Board Member
- Ongoing Magazine Sale in the Library
- Special Events
- I don't know what I'm interested in, please call me
- Pricing Books for Sale

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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—11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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