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The Friends News

President's Message *Wayne Brown*



***All Members are Invited to Attend the
ANNUAL MEETING
September 13, 2023 9:30 am***

Friends of the Escondido Library Board of Directors will have the Annual Meeting in the Board Room at the library on September 13th, 2023 at 9:30 am. This meeting is required by Board Rules, at which time the members will hear and vote on the current Board's recommended slate of officers and directors for the 2023-2024 year. Members and guests are welcome to attend. The regularly scheduled monthly Board Meeting will follow.

The Board of Directors recommends to the membership the following slate of Officers and Directors to serve for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

President: Wayne Brown
 Vice President: Georgia Chonko
 Secretary: Lorna Underwood
 Treasurer: Linda Parker

Directors: Nancy Dartez
 Sharon Fry
 Joyce Harper
 Dottie Heller
 Carol Pennington
 Linda Roger

Shop Coordinator: Penny Boggeln*
appointed by the Board

As a volunteer, my main job assignment is pricing the non-fiction books. In the last few weeks, we have had so many donated books that the upstairs shelves are bulging and I don't see an end. Don't get me wrong, this is a very happy time for the FOL organization and the library programs we support. Thanks to friends, public, and member donations it has been a great year.

This week I received the news that our longtime (the longest) volunteer, Elmer Cameron, will be leaving the board of directors. He will, however, remain a volunteer. He has been a mentor and a friend and those of us on the board will miss his wisdom and guidance.

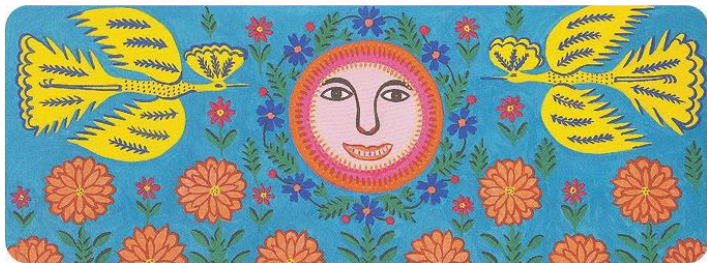
Library News

The Library Director, Dara Bradds, has moved up north to work in Sonoma, effective September 1st. Dan Wood has been named the Interim Library Director. Katy Duperry, the library's Assistant Director, accepted a position at the Carlsbad City Library in July. We wish both Dara and Katy much success in their new endeavors.

Here are some highlights from the summer activities at the library.

- The library's **Summer Reading Challenge** was a huge success, with a total of 1556 participants. Here is the breakout of participants by age.
 - Babies, up to 3 years old: 205
 - Toddlers, 4-8 years old: 614
 - Tweens, 9-12 years old: 316
 - Teens, 12-17 years old: 149
 - Adults, 18 years and older: 282
- The **Toddler Tales** story time programs on Tuesday and Thursday continue to be tremendously popular with the 18 months-3 years ages bringing in 250-300 attendees for each week. After the story time, there is a half hour "Stay and Play" for the children and their caregivers.
- The recent **Career Fair** was a huge success with 233 attendees and 35 employers present.
- The **Beginning Genealogy workshop** was very popular, with the maximum number of attendees dictated by the number of computers available to use.

Here are some events in the next few months:



Cultural Fair Series: Ukraine Culture & Art
Saturday, September 16, 2023
2:00–4:30 p.m.
Turrentine Room • All Ages

Take a journey to Ukraine with live music, and experience the soul-relaxing sound of Bandura. Enjoy Ukrainian dance performances, songs, and a Ukrainian artwork exhibition, while creating your own traditional Ukrainian flower designs.

2nd Saturday Concert: Dos Amigos
Saturday, September 9, 2023 • 3:00–4:00 p.m.
Turrentine Room • All Ages



Escondido locals Carlos Cornejo and Armando Villalobos have been playing together for more than 30 years. Their repertoire includes standards and folk music from across the Americas and Europe with an emphasis on "the old-time type," the way music was played 100 years ago.

The September concert is followed by three more this year:

- *Dmitry Kirichenko*, Saturday, October 14, 2023
- *The Elements of Opera*, Saturday November 11, 2023
- *Country Noise*, Saturday December 9, 2023

These events are free and open to the public. For more information and details about each concert, go to the library's website at:

[2nd Saturday Concert Series](#)

Did you know that you can learn about all of the interesting and fun activities available at the library by signing up for their monthly email newsletter at:

[Library eNewsletter](#)

Please note, the library will be closed the following days:

- Friday, 9/15/23: Staff Training
- Friday, 11/10/23: Veterans Day
- Thursday, 11/23/23: Thanksgiving
- Friday, 11/24/23: Day after Thanksgiving
- Monday, 12/25/23: Christmas
- Monday, 1/1/24: New Year's Day

Volunteer Highlights Georgia Chonko, Friends VP

Randee Griffin started volunteering with us in April 2018. She works in our sorting area, checking in the donations we receive and she is also an essential part of making the children's books department work efficiently.

She has many other interests, including weaving, silversmithing, reading, playing mah jongg, gardening, volunteer ushering, being a docent at Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House in Los Angeles, and traveling (she's even been to Africa). Randee is also an interpreter for the deaf!

We are fortunate to have Randee as a volunteer!

DO YOU SHOP AT MAJOR MARKET?

Please save your Major Market shopping receipts for the Friends of the Library.

They give us 1% of all receipts we collect!

Just give them to the Cashier in the Friends Book Shop.

Thank you!

Friends Book Shop News Penny Boggeln, Shop Coordinator

The Book Shop sales continue to improve and we have had a spectacular summer. The book donations remain steady and in Operation Book Support's 2nd quarter report we are still the top earner, at \$3,563.00.

Our Book Shop is a treasure trove of fiction and non-fiction books, magazines and media.

One of the shop's most fascinating book sections is *Collectors*. Elmer Cameron is our "Curator of *Collectors*". In *Collectors* you will find a bit of everything, some old, some not so old, including fiction, non-fiction, signed books, comic books and much more. Elmer researches the items and prices accordingly. *Collectors* is a must visit area of our Book Shop.

A big Thank You to our patrons for the recent donations of Spanish language books! These are always popular in the shop.

As always, Thank you to our fabulous volunteers for all their hard work!

UPCOMING HALF-PRICE SALE DATES IN THE BOOK SHOP

September 29 – 30 October 27 – 28 November 17 – 18 December 18 – 23

It's membership renewal time!

Dues for the 2023-2024 fiscal year are due and payable on
October 1, 2023.

Coming Soon: You will be able to pay your dues online.
An email will be sent to you in the next few weeks with further
information.

If you prefer to renew by mail, please submit your renewal check,
payable to "Friends of the Library", along with the renewal form on
the next page. Thank you for your continued support!

If you know someone you think would enjoy being a part of our group of Friends,
please encourage them to join us!

New Members Are Always Welcome!

If you have comments or suggestions for this newsletter please email Linda Roger, Editor, at Escondidofriends@gmail.com

Application for Membership

Individual - \$10.00
Family - \$15.00
Supporting - \$35.00
Life Membership - \$125.00
Business/Organization - \$30.00

Payable to:
Friends of the Escondido Public Library
c/o Escondido Public Library
239 South Kalmia Street
Escondido, CA 92025

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Special interests, talents and ideas: _____ *New Member* _____ *Renewal*