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EARL & BIRDIE TAYLOR LIBRARY PACIFIC BEACH BRANCH

BRANCH MANAGER'S NOTES

Hello, Friends-

I was just talking with a neighbor who is organizing a new community group called "You know you're from Pacific Beach when..." He reminisced for a while about attending Martha Farnum Elementary School on the same block where our library now stands, and is hoping that other people will be interested in sharing their recollections about PB. I've only lived in our neighborhood for 6 years, so still feel like a relative newcomer, but even in that time I've seen a lot of changes.

If your walks down Memory Lane include detours onto Grand and Garnet, please consider yourself invited to join the folks from "You know you're from Pacific Beach when..." for their first meeting. It will take place on Tuesday, September 27 from 6:00-7:30 pm, in the PB Library's Community Room.

Christina Wainwright, Branch Manager

SUMMERTIME AT THE PACIFIC BEACH/ TAYLOR BRANCH LIBRARY

The PB Library had another successful Summer Reading Program with over 400 children, teens and adults signing up to read, and nearly 300 reading the minimum number of books to collect their prizes! We also offered 73 programs during the summer months and had approximately 1,500 children, teens and adults in attendance. This summer was especially noteworthy for the first system-wide Adult Reading Program. Everyone had the opportunity to participate in our many educational and entertaining activities!



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

We've segued into Fall/Autumn with some new events and of course the recurring favorites:

Pajama Storytime & Craft with Anne Tuesday @ 6:30 pm (Ages 2-6)

Preschool Storytime Thursdays @ 10:30 am (Ages 4 years and under)

Music Together 3rd Thursdays @ 10:30 am (For babies - Ages 4 years and under) (October 20, November 17, December 15, and January 19)

Sign-A-Story Circle Time 4th Thursday of the month @ 10:30 am - Preverbal babies and toddlers (October 27, skipping November, December 22, January 26)

Wagging Tales-Children Read to Dogs 1st Saturday of every month @ 10:30 am (October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7)

Toddler Yoga 1st Thursday of the month @ 11:15 am (October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5)

Toddler Dance 2nd Thursday of the month @ 11:15 am (October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12)

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Redirecting Children's Behavior: Saturday, October 1 @ 10:00-11:30 am

FREE seminar for parents to learn how to balance love and discipline - toddler through teen years.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest: October 1-25

Annual contest for children and teens (all ages up to 18), pick up a blank pumpkin sheet, decorate and return to the PB Library for a chance to win a real pumpkin. Entries will be judged according to age level and creativity. Winners will be announced and prize pumpkins handed out on Wednesday, October 26 at 2:45 pm prior to the Literature Comes to Life storytelling theater performance at 3:00 pm.

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Literature Comes to Life October 26 @ 3:00 pm

Two classic children's stories: *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* and *Big Pumpkin* will come to life as children from the audience wear costumes to portray characters and scenery from the stories. Recommended for children ages 3-12.

Rock Out with Crown Point Jr Music Academy

Saturday, November 5 @ 10:30 am

Kick off your weekend with a morning Rock Concert by the Crown Point Jr Music Academy's Music Club. 30-40 local students playing drums, electric guitars & bass, acoustic guitars and vocals will craft their own wall of sound on the library's Cass Street Plaza. Bring a lawn chair or blanket if you want to sit on the grass, or feel free to dance on the plaza.

Gingerbread House Decoration December 14 @ 5:00 pm

Bring a bag of candy to share and use to decorate your very own gingerbread house. Recommended for children 3-12 years old. Younger children will need adult supervision. Registration required; maximum 40.

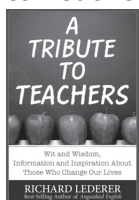
SPECIAL ADULT EVENTS

Saturday, October 8 @ 1:00 pm – Artist's Talk



John Daniel Abel will discuss "Nocturnes," his exhibit of more than fifty night-themed paintings and drawings. "Nocturnes" is on exhibit in the library's Taylor Gallery / Community Room through October 29, 2011.

Saturday, October 22 @ 11:00-12:00 pm – A Tribute to Teachers



Noted wordsmith and best-selling author Dr. Richard Lederer will share his latest book, *A Tribute to Teachers*. Applaud the true heroes of the classroom, and offer a chorus of praise for the teachers who change lives one day and one lesson at a time.

Saturday, November 12 @ 11:30-1:00 pm – Imagining History's Lost Voices: The Women of the Gold Rush



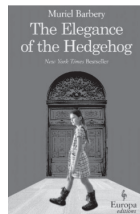
After 1848, when gold was discovered in California, dreams of adventure and instant wealth made westward movement the all-consuming passion of the nation. "Go West Young Man" became the catch phrase of the era, but joining these young men were a hardy collection of women. Prostitutes and preacher's wives, escaped slaves and society women, reformers, teachers, saloon keepers, cross dressers, criminals...the women of the Gold Rush helped shape the region and

the nation. Yet their stories have been largely forgotten. Author Mary Volmer explores how the interplay of fiction and history allows for a reimagining of history's lost voices, and discusses how she transformed her research on early California's female residents into the critically acclaimed novel *Crown of Dust*.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The PB Book Discussion Group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

October 5: The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery



In a bourgeois apartment building in Paris, Renée is a philosophical and cultured concierge who masks her intelligence to avoid suspicion from the building's pretentious inhabitants. One resident is Paloma, who has decided to commit suicide on her thirteenth birthday because she cannot bear to live among the rich. These passing strangers reveal the absurd lives of the wealthy.

November 2: Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach



An oddly compelling, often hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies post-mortem. For two thousand years, cadavers—some willingly, some unwittingly—have been involved in science's boldest strides and weirdest undertakings. In this fascinating, ennobling account, Roach tells the engrossing story of our bodies when we are no longer with them.

December 7: Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson



Major Pettigrew epitomizes the Englishman with the "stiff upper lip," as he fights to retrieve a valuable family heirloom for tradition's sake. The embattled hero discovers an unexpected ally and source of consolation in his neighbor, the Pakistani shopkeeper Jasmina Ali. On the surface their backgrounds and life experiences couldn't be more different, but they discover that they have the most important things in common.

January 4: Meet to select titles to discuss in 2012. Suggest your favorite books!



UNDER THE COVERS

3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30-7:30 pm: October 18, November 15, December 20, January 17



They say you can't judge a book by its cover... so get recommendations from readers who've ventured Under the Covers! Come prepared to briefly discuss a book that you've enjoyed.

Everyone else will do the same, so by the end of the night you'll gather an eclectic list of great titles to read.

VOLUNTEERS WITH VERVE

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library's Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, September 10th at the Logan Heights Branch Library. Four of PB's fabulous volunteers were recognized at the event for their noteworthy contributions to our chapter in the past year.

Artimis Condes – Past-Manager of the Silent Auction. Artimis culled through all of the donations to the Book Sale in order to shine a spotlight on the most unique and collectible books. Her monthly selections were available for bid in the front lobby and raised a great deal of money for the Friends.

Susan Dube – Publicity Coordinator. Susan distributes press releases about our library's events to local media providers, and selects the "Must-Read" book that is highlighted in each issue of the Beach and Bay Press.

Jim Gallo – Book Sale Volunteer. Jim uses his skills as a handyman to refurbish donated bicycles that are then sold at the weekly Book Sales, in our Bikes to Books program. For the past few years he has also stored items that are to be sold at our Annual White Elephant Sale.

Judy Kinoshita – Past-Manager of the Book Sale. Judy organized the semi-weekly book sales, pricing countless books and coordinating with all of the other Book Sale volunteers.

NO, THANK YOU!

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." (Sherry Anderson)



The Friends of the PB Library honored our library's staff and volunteers at a luncheon on Saturday, July 16. Lynda Tickey volunteered to organize a picnic on the library's back patio, and more than 30 folks came out to celebrate all that we can achieve when we work together.

THE NEW BOOK SALES CHAIRMAN



Kathi Busch was born and raised in San Diego and graduated from San Diego State University. Kathi has volunteered her services in various organizations for over 40 years. She has spent the last 15 years volunteering in the Scripps Ranch Branch Library where she

managed the used bookstore and served on the Board of Directors.

If you're interested in getting more involved with our library, please consider volunteering with the Friends of the PB Library's Book Sale. We are hoping to add another day to the Book Sale (currently held on Wednesdays & Saturdays), so will need more volunteers to staff the Sale and/or to price the materials. Please contact Book Sale Manager Kathi Busch at BookSale@PBLibrary-Friends.org or fill out an application the next time you're in the library.

CONCERT SERIES

The Library Music Series presents a concert on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7-8 pm. *Admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted.*

October 12 - Tony Lasley Bossa Nova guitar

November 9 - Alma Nova classical guitar and flute

January 11 - Martin Luther King Community Choir

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Schedule

Open: 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday
CLOSED, Sunday and Monday

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See the monthly calendar for programs and events. Copies for you to take home are available at the circulation desk.

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Then volunteer at the
Book Sale*



Right now our Book Sale is open
Wednesdays & Saturdays, with several
volunteers pricing books mid-week.

Additional volunteers will allow us
to open an extra day.

(Information on becoming a volunteer is on Page 3)

Monthly Meetings of the
PB Friends of the Library
have **MOVED** to the
2nd Wednesday/month @ 4pm

*Why not make the
2nd Wednesday
your Library Day?*



Meet at 4, dine at a local eatery,
then enjoy the Library Concert at 7pm!

(Meetings are held Jan-June & Sept-Nov)

Let's All be Friends

Join the Friends and receive all mailings with library news. Your tax-deductible contribution is matched by the city. Leave application form at library or mail it to Friends of the Library, 4275 Cass Street, San Diego, CA 92109. Make check payable to "Friends of the Pacific Beach Branch Library." Will your employer match your contribution?

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