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EARL & BIRDIE TAYLOR LIBRARY PACIFIC BEACH BRANCH

BRANCH MANAGER'S NOTE

As 2016 winds down, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what we have accomplished together. Thanks in large part to the support of the Friends of the Pacific Beach Library, over the past year the Pacific Beach/Taylor Library presented 537 programs, with over 10,000 attendees. Wow! Your donations and purchases at the Friends' Sales paid for many performers, and your enthusiastic championing of our library brought new people inside our doors.

I hope that you were able to participate in many of our library's diverse programs. San Diego Public Library's mission is "to inspire lifelong learning through connections to knowledge and each other," and at the PB Library we certainly strive to offer materials and programs for readers of all ages. I could talk for hours about why I love libraries and the impact that libraries make on people's lives, but since our space is limited here are three of my personal highlights from this year's programs:

- **Kite Fest:** In February we partnered with the Santa Clara Recreation Center to offer two weekends of kite themed programs. Our departments wanted to work together to help encourage our common residents to play outside, like the smartphone-less kids of yesteryear. I came in on my day off to learn how to make my own kite. Surrounded by young children and older adults, we all shared a dream to touch the sky. Afterwards we spent a gloriously giddy morning on the Cass

Street Plaza, flying our kites.

- **How-To Festival:** The PB Library was one of four San Diego Public Libraries that hosted an afternoon of brief workshops on May 14th that all shared a common starting point: "How-To." The intent of the festival was to celebrate peer-to-peer and experiential learning while offering an opportunity for individuals to share and connect with their community. I loved seeing our community members take initiative to teach others about their passion. There is so much that we can learn from each other when we take the time to listen. SDPL's first How-To Festival was a wonderful opportunity to give people a stage upon which to present. And, yes, that's me teaching "How To Roll Basic Sushi," because I love workshops that end with eating!
- **Memoir Showcase:** Thanks to a grant supporting creative arts programming for adults aged 55+, we were able to offer a series of eight classes this spring on memoir writing. Our artists first learned how to distill the stories of their lives into tales to fit on the page, then learned how to perform their pieces on stage. At the finale I was blown away by their talent and bravery! The feedback we received at the end included that our artists had made new friends, felt more connected, and even found the experience to be cathartic. Every participant said that they planned to continue writing. My favorite comment was from the artist who wrote that it was "good for cleansing the soul."

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We are hoping to build on these successful programs in 2017. Another Kite Fest is scheduled for February 25, and the How-To Festival will be on May 20. Thanks to financial support from the Soledad Club and the Friends of the PB Library, we will offer another Creative Aging course in 2017; once we survey our community about what you want to learn we will find the right instructor/Teaching Artist.

My wish for our library's new year is that 2017 will be filled with more opportunities to learn and play together. Thank you for being a Friend to our Library, and to our community.

Happy Holidays! ☺

Christina Wainwright, Branch Manager

CHILDREN'S EVENTS WINTER 2016/2017

Now that the school year is in full swing, summer seems like a distant memory. Nevertheless, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the amazing job our young patrons did during the 2016 Summer Reading Program. The PB Branch Library had over 900 children read the minimum 10 books or 10 hours; and, nearly 1,200 children and teens attended 27 programs during the two months of summer! Awesome reading and library participation!

The PB Branch Library has the following on-going programs for youth during the upcoming months:

Toddler Yoga 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 10:30am: Fun yoga poses for children walking to 4 years old.

Sign-A-Story Circle Time 4th Thursdays @ 10:30am: Stories and songs using ASL for preverbal babies and toddlers.

Wagging Tales, Children Read to Dogs! 1st Saturdays @ 10:30am; Read-aloud to certified therapy dogs for readers of all ages.

Pajama Storytime and Craft Tuesdays @ 6:30pm; Stories and crafts for children ages 3 to 7.

Toddler Time 1st & 5th Tuesdays @ 11:00am; Interactive stories and songs for ages 2 to 5.

Dance Party 2nd Tuesdays @ 10:30am; Fun, free-form dancing and movement to popular children's songs for ages 2 to 5.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

CONCERTS

2nd Wednesdays @ 7:00-8:00pm

January 11: Guitarist Peter Sprague & Vocalist Leonard Patton

February 8: The Pacific Duo: Peggy Goings & Martha Kennedy on cello & piano

March 8 & April 12: TBA

MEMORIES IN THE MAKING

2nd Fridays @ 3:00-4:30pm

Individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias can have fun & express themselves through the creative process of watercolor painting.

PICTURE THIS

Film screenings @ 3:00pm

Monday, December 19: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989, rated PG-13)

Monday, January 23: Idiocracy (2006, rated R)

Friday, April 21: Purple Rain (1984, rated R)

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The PB Book Discussion Group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30pm-7:45pm.

January 4: Select titles to discuss in 2017

February 1: Dear Life by Alice Munro

EASY EBOOKS

Fridays @ 10:00-11:00am

Want to read the library's electronic books? Bring your eReader, tablet, or smartphone, and our staff will guide you in downloading SDPL's free eBooks and eAudiobooks.

SENIOR SAVERS ~NEW!~

3rd Fridays @ 11:30am-1pm

Sally Gary, author of *The Best Deals & Steals in San Diego*, will lead a monthly discussion about freebies and bargains available for fun-loving & frugal San Diegans.

BALANCE STRONG

Tuesdays @ 11:30-12:30pm

Learn leg strengthening exercises to help your balance & posture.

CHAIR YOGA

Fridays @ 10:00-11:00am (no class on 4/22)

Gentle exercise that promotes stretching & strengthening, improves balance & circulation, enhances mental clarity, and provides peace & relaxation.

TAI CHI

Thursdays @ 3:00-4:30pm

Movement for all ages! *3:00-3:30pm: Form 24 for Beginners; 3:30-4:00pm: Balance and Strengthening Exercises; 4:00-4:30pm: Intermediate Form 24.*

HATHA YOGA

Tuesdays @ 3:30-5:00pm (through February 28)

Uses postures (asana) and conscious breathing (Pranayama) in combination with mental focus to develop awareness, strength, flexibility, and relaxation.

KNITTING CIRCLE

3rd Tuesdays @ 1:00-3:00pm

3rd Saturdays @ 10:00-noon

Learn how to knit so that we can KNIT our community together, as we work on our own projects. Please bring yarn, needles, and your project and join Eileen Adler.

UPCYCLING CRAFT

3rd Sundays @ 1:00-2:00pm

Monthly craft for adults, repurposing commonly available materials into new crafts.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Tax Prep Assistance

Mondays @ 9:30am-5:30pm (February 6-April 10)

Free Tax Prep: Volunteers from AARP's Tax-Aide program help you prepare your income taxes. No appointments taken; check in at least 1 hour before it ends.

Kite Fest

Saturday, February 25

10:00-11:30am: Make Kites! (supplies provided; please register)

11:45am: Community Bike Ride from the PB Library to the Santa Clara Recreation Center

12:00-3:00pm: The 2nd Annual Santa Clara Kite Festival (at the SCRC)

Health Information at Your Fingertips

Friday March 3 @ 11:30am-12:30pm OR Tuesday, March 28 at 1-2pm

Learn about digital resources for health information.

Pi Day Potluck

Tuesday, March 14 @ 3:14pm

Celebrate 3.14 by sharing pi(e) with your neighbors. Sweet or savory (pizza), pi(e) is good!

How-To Festival

Saturday, May 20 @ 11:00am-3:00pm

Learn "How To" do something in short hands-on and experiential workshops, presented on the same day at libraries across the City of San Diego! We will begin looking for presenters in February. If you have knowledge to share with your neighbors, please consider volunteering at the PB Library's 2nd How-To Festival.

Get Ready for Meatless Monday

2nd Sundays @ 1:00-2:30pm (beginning in March)

Registration Required

Learn how delicious a plant-based diet can be! Bring an apron and dish towel to this partial hands-on cooking class.

March 12: Veggie Burgers 101

April 9: All About Tofu

May 14: Vegan Mother's Day Brunch

Bike to Work Day Pitstop

Thursday, May 18 @ 6:00am-5:00pm

Bike to the PB Library anytime from 6:00am-5:00pm and pick up a free Bike to Work Day t-shirt and snacks, donated by SANDAG (while supplies last).

Bike Tube Jewelry

Sunday, May 21 @ 1:00-2:00pm

Learn how to transform an old bike tube into beautiful jewelry, during Bike to Work Month.

SPECIAL SEASONAL AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Art of Chinese Paper Cutting

Wednesday, January 25 @ 3:00pm

Celebrate the Lunar New Year learning the features of Chinese folk art and making your own paper cut-outs. Registration required, maximum 30, appropriate for grades 2nd through 6th.

Valentine Storytime & Cookie Decorating

Tuesday, February 14 @ 6:30pm

Valentine stories and cookie decorating with colored frosting and toppings for ages 3 to 7.

FRIENDS IN FOCUS

Each year, our chapter of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library selects some members for recognition at the citywide recognition ceremony. This year's honorees all volunteer with the PB Friends' Book Sale:

Suzu Hayden, Geri Larkin, Fabio Baletti, Brian Hassler

Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering at the PB Book Sale with these superstars!

HOLIDAYS

We will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Monday, December 26 – Christmas Day (observed)

Tuesday, December 27 - Saturday, December 31 – Furlough

Sunday, January 1 – New Year's Day

Monday, January 2 – New Year's Day (observed)

Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Day

Monday, February 20 – Presidents Day

Friday, March 31 – Cesar Chavez day

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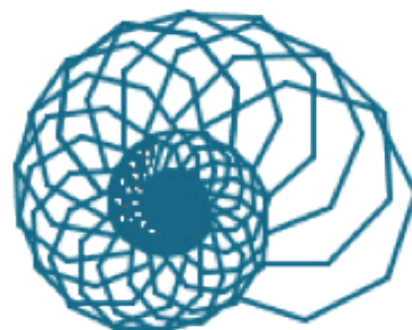
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