

FRIENDS OF PORTOLA VALLEY LIBRARY

From our Branch Manager:

Hello Portola Valley!

It's a pleasure to serve this community in a library that continues to grow in new and exciting ways. Over 100,000 people – more than ever before – visited our beautiful space and enjoyed our collection, technology, and many and varied programs for all ages, most of which were generously supported by the Friends. Checkouts remained high at nearly 90,000, and we continued to see enormous growth in ebook use – up 54%! Portola Valley residents take full advantage of the ease of finding and requesting materials from our partner libraries via our online *FindIt!* catalog as nearly 8,000 holds were placed last year – an increase of 66%.

We remain committed to providing outstanding materials for loan, but it is also clear that our increased emphasis on providing fun, educational, and relevant programming is having an impact. A year ago, over 1,000 additional people enjoyed our programs than the previous year, and we expect similar increases this year. In fact, with nearly a month still remaining in our Summer Learning Program, we have already exceeded our goal of registering over 800 young people.

As a library system, we are currently engaged in a 5-year goal-setting process and will be seeking ways to continue to grow and make our library a place for transformative experiences. We are so fortunate and grateful to have the Friends as a partner and hope that you will support us in our mission to serve you better!

Garrett Kuramoto
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Toddler Storytime

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Members of the Friends of the Portola Valley Library (FOPVL) have a long-standing tradition of service to our community and its goals for a library—past, present and future. The very unlikely existence of a locally-based, full-service library branch became a reality because an original group of neighbors shared a determination to create a quality library in our own backyard and established the original Friends in 1965. Fifty-plus years later, today's Friends, and our town as a whole, have a proud and storied library history to honor and continue.

Today our community library hums along beautifully in its bucolic setting, serving as our local source for reading materials plus social and learning opportunities geared to many ages and interests. Patron usage ranges widely, from quiet, solitary reading in our “living room” corner to personal computer use; from students involved in homework or tutoring to activities and programs aimed at early childhood development; from programs and tutorials for cutting-edge technologies (e.g., 3-D Printing) to hands-on art projects, and more. Check out our website often at <http://www.fopvl.org/> to see what delightful events you might enjoy!



Building and creating with the Imagination Playground

Book Sales:

Books are for sale at the library every day, along with gently-used CDs, DVDs, and talking books. The money raised in this way helps us finance the Friends' Collection and other programs, and you can save money on a great selection of books. Visit us often in the Friends' alcove: You will be surprised at the quality and variety of books for readers of all ages! Also, please consider us when you have materials to donate. We appreciate all the donations we receive, as they are our only source of books to sell. However, there are some types of books that are not usually purchased. They are: books in poor condition, textbooks, business or technical materials that are more than three years old. It is difficult for our dedicated volunteers to handle books we cannot sell so we prefer not to receive them. Books may be donated anytime the library is open.

As noted in Garrett Kuramoto's letter, our library's popularity and usage continue to increase. It is a vital part of our Town Center. As a shared common space, our library invites and promotes unique community activities. The infrastructure responsible for smooth operations is due to the steady collaboration among a background "quartet" composed of Portola Valley's Town Council, Friends of the PV Library, San Mateo County Library System, and the Joint Powers Authority. For more information please see <http://www.smcl.org/en/content/organization>.

Whether it be through embellishing programs, materials and services, or advocating for library causes in times of funding cuts, Friends of the Portola Valley Library (FOPVL) have been there at every turn to see that the connection between our community needs and our library services remains lively, thriving and relevant. Together we help ensure our ultimate goal of providing free access to lifelong continuing education.

Through the years, our library has evolved from a bookmobile to a storefront in Village Square; from retrofitted quarters in a former PV school building to temporary quarters at Corte Madera School; then finally into its wonderful new home in 2008. Throughout this metamorphosis, FOPVL members have loyally maintained the original vision of those early Portola Valley neighbors who dreamed big in their visions for our local Portola Valley library. "For the first time in the 118-year history of libraries in Portola Valley, patrons can visit a building that was actually planned to be a library."

- <http://www.pv.beaucamera.com/the-libraris-story/>



Asian Tea Presentation



*Express your
commitment to the
library by becoming a
member of FOPVL!*

Our President's Message:

As the Friends celebrate fifty years of service I've enjoyed reflecting upon our achievements, both large and small. Just as our population has grown, our library services have grown also! As president, I am inspired by the dedication and energy of our board members. Lively discussions abound as we strive to reach consensus in planning for the future. We all share a common goal, keeping our library responsive and relevant to the needs of our community.

I am also continually inspired by the generosity of this community, both now and in the past! Our library provides much more than just a pleasant place in which to read and borrow books, and we serve a broader community than ever, as well. We could not provide the support and enrichment for these services and events without your support. I hope you will join us and continue to invest in our library's future.

Sue Crane



Reptiles with Jungle James

Be a Friend of the Portola Valley Library:

We are a tax-deductible, non-profit organization whose mission is to help preserve, strengthen, and create an awareness and appreciation of our library services. The Friends' mission was, and remains, worthy of being carried forward and maintained with the same dedication and generosity as shown in the past. Through the years our library's role has grown in wonderful and exciting ways. As we look forward to the future, inspiring new opportunities will continue to unfold for our library. You can be a part of it by joining our Friends of the Library.

If you aren't already a FOPVL member--OR--if your annual membership has lapsed, please complete the application form found on the enclosed envelope or sign up electronically via PayPal by visiting us online at www.FOPVL.org. Your support is greatly appreciated! All donations support library programs, materials and events.

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Fall 2015 Events:

Recurring events:

Storytimes: Babies and Books Storytime: Mondays at 11 am
Music Mondays: First Mondays starting October 5 at 11 am
Bilingual Storytime: Fourth Mondays at 11am
Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays at 11 am
Baby Sign Language Storytime: Saturdays, 9/26, 10/17, 11/21 at 11 am

Lego Club: Second Saturday of the month at 11 am
Tinkering Teens every month (please contact library for details)
Tinkering Teens on September 15 - Snack Attack! at 4 pm
Crazy 8's Math Club: late September through November (please contact library for details)

OverDrive eBooks/eAudiobooks Help: Wednesdays, 4-5 pm (registration required)
Tai Chi: Fridays at 10 am in the Redwood Grove next to the Town Center Community Hall
Non-Fiction Book Club: every third Thursday of the month at 1 pm

Special Events:

Cubop Express concert at the PV Farmer's Market: Thursday, September 17 at 4 pm
The Art of Tea Drinking in China Docent Lecture: Monday, September 21 at 1 pm
e-Magazines computer class: Saturday, September 26 at 1 pm

Pets In Need Adoption Event: Saturday, October 24 from 11 am-3 pm
Wordpress computer class: Saturday, October 17 at 1 pm
Tricycle Music Festival: Saturday, October 24 at 10 am

Genealogy Drop-In Session: Saturday, November 14 at 1 pm (sign up required)
Jewel City: Art from the Panama Pacific International Exhibition Docent Lecture: Tuesday, November 17, 2015
at 10:00 am. Held in Hanson Hall at the Sequoias, 501 Portola Road, Portola Valley.
Ninja Pajama Party: Thursday, November 19 at 4 pm

Please check the library's website for more exciting events: <http://www.smcl.org>