

FRIENDS OF PORTOLA VALLEY LIBRARY

From our Branch Manager

Hello Portola Valley!

Your library continues to be a hub of activity for people of all ages in our community, and I could not be more pleased. During the renovation of the Woodside Library, we welcomed many new faces to an increased number of programs and activities. Although some of our new friends returned to Woodside after its library reopened in April, we plan to keep busy with a packed calendar of fun and informative programs. Many of our popular recent series will continue—monthly Friday family events, Lost Arts crafting for adults, and our constantly rotating afterschool offerings among others. You can count on seeing fresh ideas, which also include your suggestions, hit the calendar soon.

Speaking of fresh, expect to see a new library logo and colors popping up on signs, messages, and especially on a new and improved website in the upcoming months. We'll be using these tools to better share the message of how the Library improves our community. We are very happy to have the support of the Friends in our goal of touching all lives for the better!

Garrett Kuramoto
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Winter Magic

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

For more than fifty years, members of the Friends of the Portola Valley Library (FOPVL) have served our community by promoting, supporting, and augmenting the services of the Portola Valley Library. Our beautiful library provides much more than just a pleasant place to read and borrow books. We feel that our library plays an important role in strengthening and enriching our community and are delighted to see a greater variety of people enjoying our library programs and facilities.

Traditionally, each year we reach out to our wonderful community for help in raising money for our library through yearly memberships, donations, and book sales. FOPVL is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) charitable corporation run by a volunteer board of directors. Membership dues and donations are tax deductible. To become a FOPVL member, or to renew your membership, please complete the application form on the enclosed envelope or sign up electronically via PayPal by visiting us online at www.fopvl.org. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

For a calendar of upcoming library events, visit www.smcl.org.



Visitors of all ages, as well as frogs and birds, enjoy this daylighted portion of Sausal Creek adjacent to the library.

Book Sales

Word is out that the Friends' used book section has been enlarged, and we are thrilled to see the many shoppers in our alcove. We have a large, varied and constantly refreshed selection of books, CDs, DVDs and talking books. Selections include fiction, non-fiction, children's, teens and tweens, and young adults—all at bargain prices!

We welcome your donations as they are our only source of books to sell. However, we ask that you do not bring us text books, encyclopedias or damaged books. (It is difficult for our dedicated volunteers to handle books we cannot sell.) Please bring your donations anytime during regular library hours and they will be gratefully accepted.

-Lin Pearlstein & Jo Ann Mitchell



Down by the Creek

When one of those glorious sunny days appeared after several days of delicious deluges, I found myself lazing on the patio outside the library. In front of me I witnessed a most captivating sight of several families with their young children frolicking in the muddy creek water. Some were shoeless, others in rubber boots, but all delighting in the joys of nature. One father, shoeless and pants rolled up, remarked how refreshing it was to share this experience with his family and friends, "no device screens, just sun, water, mud and total relaxation." The creek, the library, the redwoods and friends are what make our valley so precious.

- Donna Mackowski

Toddlerville

I've enjoyed using our library in its many permutations for nearly forty years. Not only am I an avid reader, I'm practically addicted to listening to audio books as I drive and work. So, when asked if I'd like to join the FOPVL Board, I said yes, being happy to give back to an institution and community that have so enriched my life.

A new chapter of library life has now begun as our first grandchild and I head for the library to find lots of entertainment for toddlers. Imagine a large number of toddlers with parents, grandparents, or nannies in tow, all sitting rapt as Kat reads at Storytime! Our small children's area hosts a wealth of pint-sized events and serves a diverse population that reaches out beyond our local boundaries. So, if you have children in your life, check our schedule and check us out—It's a treat for everyone!

- Gloria Knowles Rosenthal

Fun for All

For many years my husband Dick and I have attended events and programs offered by the Portola Valley Library—everything from Non-Fiction Book Club discussions to musical presentations to craft classes and more. The diversity of offerings is available and mostly "free" to participants. However, these offerings are not really "free." They are funded by our tax dollars and also by the generous people of our community who help to pay for the programs through their membership in and donations to the non-profit Friends of the Portola Valley Library. It has been gratifying for me to work with the other members of the FOPVL Board who, in conjunction with the library staff, work diligently to suggest and fund as many programs as possible every year. Now that our son and family have returned to the area, I am pleased to be able to take our grandchildren to many of the events offered for children, such as the magician Mike Della Penna whom they saw perform in December.

- Sondra Eckstein

Our President's Message

The goal of our FOPVL Board is to insure that our library remains relevant to the needs of as many community members as possible. We are pleased that we have been invited to share our long-range views along with all Town Committees as Portola Valley works to update its Master Plan for the Town Center campus. During our January meeting we collectively dreamed and discussed our thoughts about the role our library plays in our community. Recognizing that the library facility is currently reaching capacity, we see a definite need to find additional, flexible space within the town center to meet both current and future needs. We look forward to being a part of our town's Master Plan as it unfolds.

In this year's newsletter, we are including a few brief articles from board members that help to highlight a variety of things to be enjoyed at our library. As always, we continue to be impressed by the talent and dedication of our library staff and volunteers. Likewise, I am continually inspired by the generosity of our community as we could not continue to provide the financial support and enrichment of our library services without your support. I hope you will join us by investing in the future of your hometown library.

Sincerely,
Sue Crane



Baby Bounce

Junior Book Review

Jorey (Else) Hurley, PV native and acclaimed author and illustrator was invited to share her books with toddlers at the PV Library on March 25th. Her picture books are fresh and fun, the illustrations delightful in their joy and simplicity. Check them out in the children's room! **Nest** is the story of the day in the life of a bird. **Fetch** follows a day on a beach. **Hop** looks at the life of a rabbit family.

- *Marvis Stoecker*

Postscript: Unknowingly, I earlier purchased the lovely book **Hop** as an Easter gift for our young grandson this year, not recognizing the author's married name. Online, Jorey's books have been described as "certain to please aesthetically-minded children and adults" by *The New York Times*, "beautiful" by *The Wall Street Journal*, and "a delight" by Publishers Weekly. Jorey describes her artistic process in a short video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmW4BtGmNTI>. Portola Valley never ceases to amaze me with its talented residents, young and old—and you never know who you may run into at the library—it is always full of surprises!

- *Jeanne Kunz*

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Summer 2016 Events

Recurring Events

Storytimes

Babies and Books Storytime: Mondays at 11 am
Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays at 11 am
Preschool Storytime: Fridays at 11 am
Baby Sign Language Storytime: Saturdays, 6/4, 7/9, 8/20 at 11 am

Lego Club: Second Saturday of the month at 11 am

OverDrive eBooks/eAudiobooks Help: Wednesdays, 4-5 pm (registration required)

Tai Chi: Wednesdays 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 (Book Club does not meet in August)

Special Events

Uncle Jer's Traveling Bee Show: Thursday, June 2 at 3:30 pm

Summer Learning Kickoff Party: Thursday, June 2 at 4:15 pm

Paper Planes: Monday, June 6 at 3:30 pm

DIY Books and Journals with Peopleologie: Tuesday, June 7 at 3:30 pm

Insect Lab: Thursday, June 9 at 3:30 pm

Daffy Dave: Thursday, June 16 at 3:30 pm

Hop to It with the Bay Area Discovery Museum: Tuesday, June 21 at 11 am

Rainbow Chefs: Storybook Cooking: Friday, June 24 at 11 am

Rock Steady Juggling Workshop: Wednesday, July 13 at 3:30 pm

NorCal Bats: Thursday, July 14 at 3:30 pm

Mariela Herrera's Music Time: Wednesday, July 20 at 11 am

Push, Pull, Crash with the Bay Area Discovery Museum: Tuesday, August 9 at 11 am

Paper Mache Club with Little Artistas: Friday, August 12 at 11 am

Edible Edventures with Nature Connect: Wednesday, August 17 at 3:30 pm

Bugs as Food with Nature Connect: Wednesday, August 24 at 3:30 pm

Jungle James Reptile Show: Thursday, August 25 at 3:30 pm

Please check the library's website for more exciting events:
www.smcl.org/en/events-by-branch/Portola%20Valley