

FRIENDS OF PORTOLA VALLEY LIBRARY

From our Branch Manager

Greetings from your library!

As always, Portola Valley Library is the place to be for everyone in our community to gather, learn a new skill, discuss a timely topic, enjoy family entertainment, or just relax, read, and enjoy the scenery. We are as busy as ever, as you'll see on our calendar of events, which you can always access at our website (www.smcl.org/events), or by picking up a copy of the monthly calendar at the library. We hope to see you at an upcoming event!

When you come to visit us, our creative and talented staff members, who are responsible for setting up these programs, will be here to welcome you. Three new faces are among those waiting to meet you. Last fall, Amy, Michael, and Rachael joined our staff and are already hosting a variety of fun activities, from beads and button making to our always popular weekly storytimes. Fun fact: two of the new staff were born and raised in the county, but one is from nearly 7,000 miles away. I won't say who's who - you'll have to come in and find out for yourself!

Through your contributions to the Friends, you help make our work possible, bringing you more of the many wonderful programs from which you can choose. Thank you for your role in promoting community learning and your public library!

Garrett Kuramoto
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Ventriloquist Steve Chaney captivates youngsters



Patrons enjoy new patio furniture

What do these photos have in common?

Both activities were made possible by the Friends of the Portola Valley Library (FOPVL).

Fifty years ago, when Portola Valley's "library" was still just a visiting Book-Mobile, the Friends of the Portola Valley Library formed to promote, support, and augment our Town's library services. Today our first purpose-built library plays an important role in strengthening and enriching our community; a wide variety of residents and visitors enjoy its programs and facility.

Book sales and annual donations are FOPVL's sources of income. We use these monies to fund activities that increase knowledge, spark imagination, and build creativity. All these experiences add to the richness of daily life in our community. For news of upcoming library events, visit www.smcl.org, or look for posts on PVForum!

To join us in supporting these efforts, please complete the form on the enclosed envelope or at www.fopvl.org. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable corporation; donations are fully tax-deductible. As FOPVL Board members we will continue to bring you free programs that are relevant to our whole community. We cannot do this without your ongoing support. As always we appreciate your donations in any amount. Thank you!

With Gratitude to Barbara Johnson



Last year Barbara Johnson, a beloved 96-year-old resident of Portola Valley, left a bequest to the Friends of Portola Valley Library. As a young girl, Barbara loved the library in her hometown of Wilmington, Massachusetts; during her 60 years living in our town, Barbara loved the Portola Valley library, choosing to walk there with enthusiasm until well into her eighties.

During her years working with young Ormondale students,

Barbara exhibited a signature energetic sparkle as she engaged children in the joy of learning. Full of fun and vibrantly alive, Barbara was a valued community volunteer as well as someone who loved and cared for animals, both hers and those she rescued. Barbara renewed her boundless energy through quiet pursuits: reading, working jigsaw puzzles, creating oil paintings, and immersing herself in nature. Although small in stature, Barbara was big in heart. Her generosity and love of learning complement FOPVL's mission of enriching our library as it serves the needs of our community.

*We thank you, Barbara,
for your example and generosity...
as one who enriched our community
through a lifelong art of living and giving
and through your thoughtful legacy.*

What's All the Hoopla About?

A sort of "Netflix on steroids," Hoopla is a new, free service for library patrons that puts the resources of your public library "at your fingertips." After installing the Hoopla app on your computer, tablet, or smart phone, you can check out films, music, ebooks, audiobooks, and TV shows whenever you wish, 24/7, for immediate use or for offline playback at a later time. The library offers instruction sessions. Check with a librarian to learn more!



Our Library Staff (from left): Sherry Markrow, Rachael Hood, Michael Meyer, Elise Washington, Kat Wiszowaty, Jocelyne Concordel, Amy Selmi, Garrett Kuramoto and Mark Tanaka

Book Sales

The Friends' Book Sale alcove is alive and well, thanks to donors and buyers! New materials are added weekly, and the alcove is chock full of books, CDs, DVDs, and audio books, in excellent condition and at bargain prices. In addition to materials for adults, several baskets hold books for children, with labels such as I Can Read, Young Children, and Tweens/Teens/Young Adult. Come take a look the next time you visit the library!

We welcome all gently used books – fiction, non-fiction, children's, cookbooks, coffee table books. Please bring your donated materials to the library during regular hours, where they will be gratefully accepted. However, we cannot accept encyclopedias, text books, or manuals. And due to limited storage space at the library, we cannot accept more than four boxes per donation.

-Lin Pearlstein & Jo Ann Mitchell



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Come find your favorite activities at PVL!

Every year the Friends fund and promote programs like these:



Tai Chi - Chi Kung



Crafting Dragon Eggs



Yoga Storytime

Our President's Message

As board members, we all may have different motivations for donating time and energy to FOPVL. Personally, I have always been keenly aware of the vital importance of our library, first while raising my family and now as a resident of the Sequoias. Young and old alike can find a place here for entertainment, learning, reading, or simply quiet contemplation.

We rely on the support of our wonderful community for the funds that help our library provide programs to suit the diverse needs of all who come here. Your donations, whether large or small, are an investment in the future of this library and the people who use it. We are grateful for your continuing support; it makes an important contribution toward the enrichment of life in our beautiful town!

Sincerely,
Sue Crane

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Why donate to FOPVL?

The Portola Valley Library is our community living room, our backyard think tank, a place where we come together with the single agenda of lifelong learning. It is a privilege to serve on the Board of FOPVL, the organization that founded, advocated for, and continues to enrich the services of our library. As stewards of your generous donations, we work to ensure your library continues to be a place of discovery and excitement. This would not be possible without your generous support.

- Lenora Ferro (Board Member)

Why we love the Library

I visit our library every couple of weeks because I like the beautiful, peaceful reading area and really enjoy sitting there to read the *New York Times Book Reviews* and other periodicals that we don't receive at home. I'm always surprised to see how many people are there, despite the fact that most people are able to access content digitally and read books online elsewhere.

- Patron

My children attend the toddler story time at least once or twice a week. And as the weather becomes warmer, we use the new children's furniture by the creek to participate in art activities.

- Parent



Library

Telephone: (650) 851-0560
Website: www.smcl.org
Monday-Thursday 11 am - 7 pm
Friday, Saturday 11 am - 5 pm

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Summer 2017 Events

Recurring Events

Baby Storytime: Mondays at 11 am
Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays at 11 am
Preschool Storytime: Fridays at 11 am

Lego Club: Second Saturday of the month at 11 am
Tai Chi & Chi Kung: Wednesdays at 10 am in the Redwood Grove
Non-Fiction Book Club: Third Thursday of the month at 1pm or 6 pm (does not meet in August)
OverDrive eBooks/eAudiobooks Help: Wednesdays, 4-5 pm (registration required)

Special Events

Biblio Spectacular: Wednesday, June 14 at 3:30 pm
John Collins Paper Planes: Thursday, June 22 at 2 pm
Teeny Tiny Yoga with Leyna Roget: Saturday, June 24 at 11:15 am
Alphabet Rockers Concert: Tuesday, June 27 at 11 am
Charles the Clown: Wednesday, July 26 at 3:30 pm
Slow Cooking For Kids with Stephanie O'Dea: Thursday, July 27 at 3 pm
1, 2, 3 Andres Concert: Thursday, August 3 at 11 am
Peopleologie: Clay Workshop - Pinch Pots: Thursday, August 10 at 3 pm
Uncle Jer's Bee Show: Saturday, August 19 at 11:30 am
Bay Area Discovery Museum - Fairytale Engineering: Thursday, August 24 at 4 pm
Mariela Herrera Music Time: Saturday, August 26 at 11:15 am

Please visit the San Mateo County Library's website for more exciting events:
<https://smcl.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index>