

Friends of the Foster City Public Library

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Or Current Resident President's Message

Dear Friends:

The school year is over and it is summer again. As usual the library has a summer reading program to keep the kids busy over the summer. This is one of the programs that is funded by the Friends. In addition to this program, we also fund other children and adult programs. We raise funds for these programs through donations, memberships, bricks and tiles, SHARES cards (through Lucky purchases), and a new fundraiser for us is Amazon sales.

Last year one of our board members set up a website so that we receive a percentage of any purchases our members make on Amazon when they access Amazon through our website. Unfortunately we have run into a problem with our website, so it is temporarily not available. We hope to have it up and running again by the end of June. When it is back up, please make any Amazon purchases through our website. It is an easy way to donate to the library. Thank you

to everyone who purchased through our website during the holidays.

Enjoy your summer whether you are traveling or spending time at home. Hopefully some of you attended our annual meeting. We hope to see more of you there next year.

. . . Jeanette Vasherese

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Staff Profile: Wan Fwu, New Community Outreach Librarian

The wait is finally over! San Mateo County Library has recruited and hired Wan Fwu as a bilingual Community Outreach Librarian for the Foster City Li-

brary. He holds a BA from SFSU and is a graduate of the MLIS program at SJSU. Wan was the library media technician at a Hayward Unified School District middle school. Wan is fluent in Chinese—Cantonese and Mandarin—and is interested in gaming and community building. Wan begins his professional career in mid-June.

Friends' Shop News

Good news! Edward Penrose of Green Street Books has entered the scene at the Foster City Library. Along with several other libraries in the county, Ed arrives with his own boxes to fill with books that he can resell. We are immediately paid one and a half times the current sales price in the Friends' Shop. We receive a check on the spot. In less than a month we have made \$956.50. This is in addition to \$1000 from the shop itself, plus internet sales. We are very excited about this latest turn of events because it is more dollars to put toward children's programs and new books. Yay team!

We just had our annual volunteers' luncheon to thank those who help in the Friends' Shop each week. If you would like to help straighten out the books in the shop, give me a call and I will train you in 10 minutes. Marcia Cohn-Lyle, Book Shop Manager

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Friends of the Library Board Members and Officers

Jeanette Vasherese, *President & Treasurer*

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Membership

Many thanks to these additional new and renewing 2013-14 members as of May 20, 2014

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Marcia Cohn-Lyle, *Vice-president & Book Shop Manager*
Patricia Nutting, *Membership* Elaine Pitts, *Fundraising* Nancy Lee, *Internet Sales* Jeanie Kwong, *Newsletter* Jim Watson, *Bricks and Tiles*

Alvin Koyanagi
Claudette & James Main

Peter Pershing
Coleen Simmons

Gerard & Krista Terstiege Charles N. Tomberg

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Ways to Contribute

Library Brick (\$150-200)

Upcoming Library Events

SPECIAL FAMILY PROGRAMS:

Wild Child Adventures: Bubble Assembly, Wednesday, July 2 at 2 pm: Explore the unique properties of

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Book Spine (\$150-\$200) Brightly colored ceramic tiles in the children's library resemble the spine of a book, with inscriptions of names of children, family members, and pets.

Contact Elaine Pitts, 349-3526
Along the pathways and pillars

approaching the library entrance.

Library Tile (\$350-\$500) White stone tiles protected under the arcade along the front of the

library.

Contact

Jim Watson, 425-0400

Permanent Plaque (\$1000+) Spaces are available on the permanent wall plaque just inside the library.

Contact Elaine Pitts, 349-3526

bubbles. Someone will be put inside a giant bubble!

Didgeridoo Down Under, Wednesday, July 9 at 7 pm: Enjoy this show that explores the sights, sounds, and cultures of Australia with music and dance.

Write Your Favorite Author/Illustrator, Friday, July 11 from 3-5 pm: Drop-in and write a letter to your favorite author or illustrator. We will provide the stationery, envelopes, postage, and address.

Readers' Theater, Wednesday, July 16 from 6:30-8 pm: If you love to perform Readers' Theater, come at 6:30 pm, and we will match you up with a script. Practice for a few minutes. Then, at 7 pm, make the script come alive with your simple props. Invite family and friends to see you! (The script does not need to be memorized. Best for elementary students who can read fairly fluently.)

Magician Mike Della Penna, Wednesday, July 23 at 2 pm: This interactive illusions show will surely make everyone look at things differently!

Rock Steady Juggling, Wednesday, July 30 at 2 pm: Doug Noland will delight all ages with his juggling virtuosity, comedy antics and audience participation while sharing his passion for taking care of the earth.

Puppets and Magic - Critters And Continents, Wednesday, August 20 at 2 pm: With the help of magical

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Remember to use your S.H.A.R.E.S. card when shopping at Lucky's. 3% of your purchases are donated to the Friends!

ventriloquist, Tony Borders, animals talk and tell you about their habitat and special skills.

SUMMER ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT SERIES (entering 3rd grade - 5th)

Creative Writing Class (4 sessions), Tuesday July 8, Thursday July 10, July 15th, and July 17th, 2-3:30 pm

Chinese Calligraphy Class (2 sessions), Tuesday August 12th and Thursday August 14, 4-5 pm

Library Staff

Anna Koch

Interim Library Branch Manager

Cynthia Rider

Public Services Librarian

Amy Selmi

Youth Services Librarian **Conrad Yamamoto** *Public Services Librarian* **Wan Fwu**
Community Outreach Librarian

Alex Perez *Circulation Supervisor* **Joanne Asbury**
Senior Library Assistant

Evie Diaz **Linda Napior**
Denise Sorensen

Library Assistants

Bricks and Tiles

My name is Jim Watson, and I was honored to be asked to serve on the Board of the Friends of the Library. It was not long before I was asked to take on the responsibility of supervising the Brick and Tile Donor Recognition Program. I carry out the program with the advice and direction of the Board and its President, Jeanette Vasherese.

This year we conducted a review of potential vendors by soliciting bids from 5 different companies. After numerous emails and telephone calls with each one, we were able to get competitive bidding. We found that our current vendor, Memorial Impressions (who had not raised prices in many years), was the least expensive by a significant margin. After reviewing the information and considering the high quality of past work, the Board voted to stay with that company, and we completed a new round of inscriptions.

We completed 8 requests, for a total of \$1600. After a cost of \$500, the Friends of the Library netted \$1100 of income for the continuing support of important programs at our local Library.

As many of you know, the program is a great way to remember a loved one, possibly for Father's Day or Mother's Day. You can memorialize any event, perhaps the college graduation of a family member, or the birth of a child. One way to get some ideas would be to walk around the covered area in front of the Library to read the inscriptions already there. Prices start at just \$150....very reasonable for a gift or memorial that will last for decades. For more information, you are welcome to call me during business hours at 650-574-5952, or email me at JimWatson@FosterCityIslander.com.

SUMMER DAILY ENRICHMENT SERIES (entering 5th grade-8th). - This summer we're offering a variety of activities. Monday through Friday from 3-5 pm, starting Monday July 7 - Friday, August 15 in the Discovery Room
Spectacular Science Mondays: We will investigate animal skulls, dissect owl pellets, and more!

Tech Tuesdays: We will build robots and do other tech activities.

Fun Food Wednesdays: May Ip will get them cooking! Participants will learn practical skills and how to clean up afterwards.

Surprise! Thursdays: We might teach manners or have a spelling bee. It will always be fun.

Gaming Fridays: We will offer a variety of gaming each week—online, board games, Xbox.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS- *Peopleologie* will run hands-on activities for adults. All materials provided.

Coiled Clay Pots, Wednesday, July 16, 1-3 pm in Discovery Room

Seed Paper Making, Friday, August 8, 1-3 pm in Community Center upstairs

CELEBRATE BOOK CHARACTERS - Participate in activities to celebrate your favorite book characters. **Tuesdays at 2 pm**

July 1 Pete the Cat

July 8 Star Wars (make finger puppets)

July 15 Origami Yoda (make origami Yoda)

July 22 Tell-a-Joke (Bring a joke, or tell one of ours.)

July 29 Elephant and Piggie

RECURRING EVENTS

PAWS FOR TALES -First Tuesday of each month: June 3, July 1, & August 5 7-8 pm Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to a trained therapy dog! Please sign up for a time.

DROP-IN PUZZLES AND GAMES- Second Saturday of each month: June 14, July 12, & August 9, 3-5 pm: Enjoy a variety of board games and puzzles.

DROP-IN DRAWING- Fourth Friday of each month: June 27, July 25 & Aug 22 3-5 pm: Come in create a masterpiece.

DROP-IN CRAFTS- July 10 and August 7 3:30-4:30 pm, Best for kids 4+