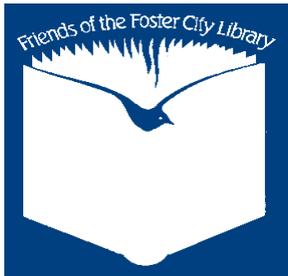


May 2013

# Friends of the Foster City Library



## President's Message

Dear Members and Community:

Summer is almost upon us and that means the summer reading program will begin in about a month and a half. This is one of the programs that the Friends support which is made possible by your membership and donations. Check out the other upcoming events at the library. Some of them are also sponsored by the Friends.

It is hard to miss the banner hanging outside the library that proclaims that the San Mateo

County Libraries are Star Libraries. This means that our library system is one of the best public libraries. This is a great accomplishment, considering the cut-backs in funding during the past several years. Thank you to the library staff for their hard work and dedication.

Carol McMahon, who has been a board member for quite a few years, is going to be leaving our board in June so she can spend more time with her family and enjoy retirement. I would like to thank her for keeping our membership roster up-to-date and for

her input at our monthly meetings. We will miss her but wish her well.

Our annual meeting will be held in June. We hope to see you there. If anyone is interested in joining our board, please contact a board member. We would love to have someone join our board.

. . . Jeanette Vasherresse

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## Friends Shop News

Thank you for continuing to bring in your brown bags (with or without handles) and plastic bags. We use them in the shop. The two aqua carts by the entrance hold books that are available for \$2 a bag, and it is hard to keep them full. Our prices remain the same: 3/\$1 for small paperbacks, \$1 for large paperbacks, \$2 for hardcover books. Books in the glass case are higher priced; the key is available at the front desk.

Our spring thank-you luncheon is in May for all the volunteers who diligently straighten the shelves to make the shop a welcoming space. If you would like to help an hour or two a week, please call Marcia Cohn-Lyle at 650-570-5007.

## Fundraising

What a pleasure it is to visit the library! I remember when I was growing up in Chicago the important role the store front library played in my life which resulted in my being able to take home with me three books after each visit!

Today the variety of services offered by our Foster City library are custom tailored to the needs and wishes of the diverse population of our town. Whether old or young, whether looking for information, the solution to a problem, or just an uplifting of spirit or entertainment, our library is the place people go. This is supported by the fact that more than 1000+ people visit our library daily. And - most important - we're fortunate to have a top-notch staff which is sensitive to our ever changing population's needs.

Traditionally, the citizens of Foster City, through their Friends of the Library, show their appreciation for the library by financially supporting programs and services, such as the Homework Study Group, not covered in the Library's annual budget. Any contribution, large or small, is appreciated.

Our thanks for recent contributions received from:

Betty Bafham  
Nick Boenza

Pat Farquhar  
Eileen Liftgarten

Carol McMahon

## Friends of the Library Board Members and Officers

Jeanette Vasherese, *President & Treasurer* (358-3964)  
 Marcia Cohn-Lyle, *Vice-president & Book Shop Manager* (570-5007)  
 Patricia Nutting, *Secretary* (349-3096)  
 Carol McMahon, *Membership* (349-8575)  
 Elaine Pitts, *Fundraising* (349-3526)  
 Nancy Lee, *Internet Sales* (906-0592)  
 Jeanie Kwong, *Newsletter* (341-8450)  
 Nicholas Boenzi, *Member at Large* (572-1105)

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## Other Ways to Contribute

<p><b>Book Spine (\$150-\$200)</b>                  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.</p> <p>Contact Elaine Pitts, 349-3526</p>	<p><b>Library Brick (\$150-200)</b>                  Along the pathways and pillars approaching the library entrance.</p> <p><b>Library Tile (\$350-\$500)</b>                  White stone tiles protected under the arcade along the front of the library.</p> <p>Contact                  Marcia Cohn-Lyle, 570-5007</p>	<p><b>Permanent Plaque (\$1000+)</b>                  Spaces are available on the permanent wall plaque just inside the library.</p> <p>Contact Elaine Pitts, 349-3526</p>
<p>Please 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!</p>		

## Library Staff

Barbara Blanchard  
*Library Branch Manager*  
 Cynthia Rider  
*Public Services Librarian*  
 Amy Selmi  
*Youth Services Librarian*  
 Conrad Yamamoto  
*Public Services Librarian*  
 Alex Perez  
*Circulation Supervisor*  
 Joanne Asbury  
*Senior Library Assistant*  
 Evie Diaz  
 Kelly Mackewicz  
 Linda Napior  
 Denise Sorensen  
 Barbara Stevens  
*Library Assistants*

## Staff Profile: Amy Selmi, Youth Services Librarian



Foster City Library is proud to report that our own Amy Selmi is a recent recipient of the San Mateo County Library Employee Recognition Award for Teamwork. She was recognized for her efforts in helping her colleagues succeed in building strong teams and for mentoring and encouraging the professional growth of fellow Foster City staff members. Library Director Anne-Marie Despain stated that Amy represents some of the best qualities of our library organization. We couldn’t agree more!

Amy was born and raised in San Mateo and started her library career at the Queen Anne branch of the Seattle Public Library in 1998. After a stint at the San Diego Public Library she moved back to the Bay Area, began library school studies, and came to Foster City Library as a Library Assistant in 2005. She was promoted to Youth Services Librarian in 2006. Amy relates that she enjoys the variety of work that her job provides, from story times and class visits to SMCL committee work and program planning. Her commitment to public service, depth of professional knowledge, organizational skill, and sheer creativity are treasured by the children of Foster City.

## Summer Reading Club

***Reading is Soooooo Delicious!***

June 1st–August 31st

Activities, Programs and Prizes for Children, Teens and Adults All Summer Long

## Thank You, Members!

Welcome to the new members who joined us since our last newsletter between Jan. 22 and April 23, 2013.

Nick Boenzi                      Eileen Listgarten

We have some members who have already renewed for our 2013-2014 membership year. They are listed below. Our fiscal year is July 1 to June 30, so they will not be receiving a renewal letter in June. We thank them for being so prompt.

Bob & Flo Chancellor	Kathleen Kaplan	Eunice Shimozone
Eleanor Cragen	Michael & Lynn Kasatkin	Coleen Simmons
Joanne DuWick	Lynn Kern	Dee Spielman
Jeanetter House	Edward & Yuko Onuma	Gerard & Krista Terstiege
Kay Huffman	Peter Pershing	

After ten years on the Board of the Friends of the Foster City Library I am "retiring". It has been my pleasure to serve. Public libraries offer so much to the community and have always been a part of my life. Foster City is fortunate to have one of the best.

It has been rewarding to work with this dedicated group to support our library and its programs. I would encourage any of you interested to join the Board.

I am happy to tell you that Patricia Nutting will be your new membership chairperson starting July 1, 2013.

Sincerely,  
Carol McMahon

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## Library Notes: Upcoming Library Events

### May Special Events:

Food & Film: Tampopo (Fri 5/3 at 3 pm)  
Computer Class: Twitter (Sat 5/4 at 10 am)  
Korean Drummers (Sat 5/4 at 2 pm)  
Mothers Day Craft (Wed 5/8 at 2:30 pm)  
Chair Yoga (Sat 5/11 at 2 pm)  
Tasty Thursday - Salsa (Thu 5/16 at 12:30 pm)  
Teen Crafty Hour (Wed 5/29 at 2 pm)

### June Special Events:

Musician Bonnie Lockhart (Wed 6/5 at 3 pm)  
Food & Film (Fri 6/7 at 3 pm)  
So Delicious Craft (Wed 6/19 at 3 pm)  
Tasty Thursday - Alternative Milkshakes (Thu 6/19 at 12:30 pm)  
Teen Crafty Hour (Wed 6/26 at 2 pm)

### July Special Events:

Food & Film (Fri 7/5 at 3 pm)  
Docent: Ellison Japanese Art Collection (Mon 7/8 at 7 pm)  
Ventriloquist Steve Chaney & Cornelius Crow (Wed 7/10 at 3 pm)  
Village Talk (Tue 7/16 at 11:30 am)  
So Delicious Chef Hat Craft (Wed 7/17 at 3 pm)  
Tasty Thursday - Pickles (Thu 7/18 at 12:30 pm)  
Musicians Cotton Candy Express (Wed 7/24 at 3 pm)  
Teen Crafty Hour (Wed 7/31 at 2 pm)

### August Special Events:

Food & Film (Fri 8/2 at 3 pm)  
Crafts for Children (Wed 8/7 at 3 pm)  
Fratello Marionettes (Wed 8/14 at 3 pm)  
Tasty Thursday - Popsicles (Thu 8/15 at 12:30 pm)  
Film: A Place at the Table (Thu 8/22 at Time TBD)  
FILL THE BARREL DAY (Thu 8/22 All Day)  
Teen Crafty Hour (Wed 8/28 at 2 pm)



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Friends of the Library; 1000 East Hillsdale Boulevard; Foster City, CA  
94404 (or drop off at the front desk at the library).**

*All contributions are tax deductible*

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