



FRIENDS of the Sierra Madre Library

FOUNDED IN 1953

July/August 2019

President's Message

Dear Friends and Partners,

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

It was a joy to see so many of you at our Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, June 19, at the United Methodist Church in Sierra Madre. As you know, our theme this year was "Soaring to New Heights." This theme was not only for our wonderful evening that recognized and thanked all of our members who helped at our fundraising events of the Best Used Book Sale, Art Fair, and Wine Tasting this past year, but also for our upcoming task of getting a new/remodeled Library. We will be working closely with our Sierra Madre Library Foundation, Board of Trustees, and the City Council.

We are asking for your help in increasing our membership numbers. If your friends ask you what a "Friend of the Sierra Madre Library" membership entails, please share with them all of the information on our fantastic fundraising events AND an application and/or our website to get them to join. A membership is very affordable. We are currently in the process of getting an online payment system to make membership payments even easier for people to join. Thank you, **Beth Kerns**, for your research and implementation of this project. Please join in the excitement of gathering enthusiasm for our new Library. Right now, we have 254 Friends. Please help us increase to 20 new members per month by 2020!

THANK YOU

It is beyond recognition that I talk about what a wonderful President **Margaret Quigley** has been for our Friends organization for the past two years. What do you say about someone who is there and makes things happen? Margaret, you have been a great leader for us, and you have kept this well-oiled organization going smoothly. Thank you for all of your hard work. You are amazing!

CONCERT IN THE PARK

The Friends will be co-sponsoring a **Concert in the Park** on **Sunday, July 7**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial Park Bandshell at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd with the Kiwanis Club. The band is SGT. PEPPERS. Bring a picnic, blanket, and some money for our 50/50 raffle to support our Friends Organization. You may want to set up early that day for this Rocking Band.

WINE & CUISINE TASTING IN SEPTEMBER

Please mark your calendars for our **49th Annual Wine & Cuisine Tasting Event** on **Friday, September 27**, at Alverno's Villa del Sol d'Oro. Yes, we moved the date from February so that we will not have rain??? A Fall Harvest Festival will be wonderful. **Leslie Ziff** and her committee have worked hard to make this event very special. "See you in September...."

Julie Brady



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020

At their Annual Meeting and Dinner, held on June 19, the Friends of the Library were pleased to announce the candidates who have been approved for positions on the Board of Directors for 2019-2020. They are:

President: Julie Brady

1st Vice President, Governance: Margaret Quigley

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Art Fair: OPEN

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Wine Tasting: Leslie Ziff

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Stephen Henson

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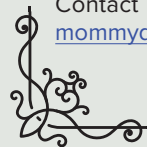
Best Used Book Sale: Martha Troedson

Publicity: Susan Gallagher

Social Media: Kari Janzen

Volunteer Development: Connie Wortham

****We still need a Treasurer and a Chair or Co-Chairs for the Art Fair.** Please let us know if you or someone you know is interested or would like more information. Contact **Margaret Quigley** at 626-355-5546 or mommyquigs@gmail.com.



LIBRARY PROGRAMMING TAKING A BREAK

Library Programming will take a break after the Super Summer festivities have come to a close. Although we will be open, we will not have organized activities from **August 12 through September 2**, please look for our September 2019 calendar to see upcoming fall events.

TEEN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Thanks to the teens for all the service they have provided over the summer. To show our appreciation, the Library will treat our volunteers to a Teen Volunteer Appreciation Party on **Thursday, August 22** at 6:00 p.m.

SOAP MAKING WORKSHOP SERIES

Nourish your happy contented spirit with the summer Soap Making Workshop series for adults on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. from **July 9-30**. Pick a class or sign up for the series of four do-it-yourself workshops. Each week is something new including all-natural soaps, lotions, balms and more. All supplies will be provided. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Pre-registration is advised.



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOON LANDING

Join us at the Library as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first landing on the Moon and hear about what happens next with NASA Solar System Ambassador Howard Andrews on **Saturday, July 20** at 4:00 p.m.

KRES MERSKY'S ONE WOMAN SHOW TINY BABY

Delight in a collection of offbeat characters and monologues with actress Kres Mersky on **Saturday, July 20** at 1:00 p.m. The pieces are funny, eccentric and moving, a little like Woody Allen meets David Sedaris – guaranteed to entertain and make you think. Back by popular demand, this is Kres's third performance at the Library.

ARTISAN GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Take a mellow musical interlude with an afternoon of international classical guitar music featuring Andre Giraldo, Max Mendoza, and Daniel Ramirez of the Artisan Guitar Ensemble, on **Saturday, July 27** at 2:00 p.m.

CRAFT IT!

Create a colorful and stress-reducing Watermelon Squishy on **Saturday, July 13** at 10:00 a.m. On **Saturday, August 3** the craft will be a Personalized Phone Grip.

3D PRINTING

Find personal uses in the innovative world of 3D printing and discover the applications in home, hobbies, science and industry. Learn ways to use 3D printing in your home, how to download free open source templates, and create your own designs. Start with an introductory 3D Printing Workshop on **Wednesday, July 17** at 3:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL REALITY, COLORING AND TABLETOP GAME NIGHT

Join friends and neighbors for a lively evening of fun and games on Tuesdays, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. The last Tuesday for evening games is **August 6**, we will resume September 3.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER AT THE LIBRARY AND BREAKFAST



You and your animal friend will have a world of fun this summer at the Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Your stuffy will spend the night and come to life at the Library. When you pick them up on Saturday morning, you and your family will enjoy a light breakfast while watching a slideshow of the sleepover shenanigans.

Drop off your animal for the sleepover on **Thursday, July 18** between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. then pick up your animal and have breakfast on **Saturday, July 20** at 10:00 a.m.

ART WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Kids, stop in for a fun and easy art project with oil pastels on Thursdays, at 4:00 p.m. Topics for July and August: **July 11** – LEGO; **July 25** - Harry Potter Animals; **August 1** – Incredibles.

MAD SCIENCE: FIRE AND ICE

Be part of a highly interactive show that includes fascinating science demonstrations with air pressure, fire, bubbling potions, and more on **Monday, July 22** at 10:00 a.m. Boldly explore observations and hypotheses, and conduct experiments with "Eggbert," an animated egg that can't fit into his house.

PACIFIC ANIMAL PRODUCTIONS: ANIMAL ANTICS

What can you learn from the amazing and funny things that animals do to survive? Some animals play dead, some can bend, twist and turn or wiggle away, and some will make sounds to blend in with their surroundings. See different animal antics on **Monday, July 8** at 10:00 a.m.



TODDLER OBSTACLE COURSE

Help your youngster explore movement and learn by playing on **Tuesday, July 9** and **Tuesday, August 6** at 10:00 a.m. Children, walking through age 2, are invited to enjoy fun and safe obstacles to improve balance and dexterity through play. Toddlers are welcome at 9:00 a.m. and preschoolers at 10:00 a.m.

MAD SCIENCE GRADE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

On **Tuesday, August 6** at 3:00 p.m. we'll transform the room into a crime lab to collect clues, use face recognition and fingerprints, and answer who took a bite of the cookie. Learn how real science solves crimes. For grades 1-6. Space is limited and registration is required.

CODING WITH SCRATCH: BASICS CLASS FOR KIDS

From Monday through Thursday, July 15-18, at 5:00 p.m. learn to code using Scratch (programming language developed by MIT). Learn the basics, including movement, visuals, and sound as well as fundamental coding concepts. For grades 3-6. Pre-registration is required for this event.

TEENS ONLY MINI GOLF AND DANCE PARTY

Join Middle and High School students for a special round of mini golf and optional dancing on **Saturday, July 13** at 6:30 p.m. Pizza will be served and the Library will be closed.

A FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL OF WINES AND CUISINE

Presenting the 49th Annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting at Alverno's Villa del Sol d'Oro on **Friday, September 27**.

Summer is now here, and Fall is just around the corner – so put this date on your calendar now!! The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting our community Library, sponsors this event. All funds earned from this event go to support our Sierra Madre Public Library.

Our theme this year is “The Fall Harvest” – and what better way to celebrate the beginning of fall, the turning of the leaves, gathering the “fruits of the gardens,” pumpkins, cooler days ahead, kids going back to school! We hope to infuse this season’s “flavors” in and around the Villa for a beautiful night of enchantment - from beautiful old cars of the 20’s and 30’s – to magicians from the Magic Castle, to musicians playing in the gardens and throughout the halls. A Silent Auction will again be offering lovely artwork, services, tickets to special events, restaurant vouchers and many other tempting items.

Our featured artist this year is **Jane Brackman** who has designed and donated this year’s artwork, an original watercolor entitled “First Harvest.”

Tickets to the Premier Event are \$80 and will allow early admission at 6:00 p.m. Those attending the Premier Event will be guided through a variety of special wines by a Sommelier and select restaurants will pair delectable hors d'oeuvres to complement the wines. A chance to win several unique gift baskets will be offered during the Premier event. Participants will then also be admitted into the Main Event beginning at 7:00 p.m. Main Event Tickets will be \$60 and allow participants to enjoy wine and some beers from many different areas of California and wonderful cuisine from over 16 local restaurants.

This is a wonderful event and an amazing way to help support our Sierra Madre Public Library. For additional information go to our web site www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org.

Leslie Ziff
Committee Chair



PARTNERS PROGRAM

How quickly the years fly by — once again it was a pleasure to meet, greet and thank 20 of our loyal *Partners* who attended the Friends Annual Meeting and Dinner on June 19 at which time they were applauded and thanked for their continuing support of the *Partners Program* and funds raised in the amount of over \$75,000.

It is with pleasure that we recognize the continuing support of our Library from the following *Partners* - Patricia Hall, Donna & Victor Howard, Margaret Koch, Shannon Perry and Susan Quinn. Your loyal support is greatly appreciated especially at this time in the life of our Library - thank you for your continued presence and generosity as we proceed to develop a workable plan to find answers to the future life of our Library.

On a sad note - we said farewell to Sandra Dickey - who was a *Partner* and also the Treasurer of the Friends Board of Directors. She passed away in early May and many Friends and Partners attended her funeral on June 23. She will be sorely missed by her family and many friends.

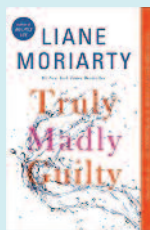
LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE

The Library Display Case in July will continue to feature the Library's Super Summer Program. The August display will be a Doll Collection.

READER'S REVIEW

This month's review is by **Catherine Addé**

Truly, Madly, Guilty
by Liane Moriarty



After devouring the enormously popular *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty, I thought

I just cannot wait for her next novel! Apparently, HBO's producers thought the same and created a series based on that story. Now there is a season two, which Ms. Moriarty is Executive Producer of, and if anyone is interested, the show did have some of the filming take place right here in our charming Sierra Madre village. But I digress. Her next book, *Truly, Madly, Guilty*, follows a similar formula: rich in complex characters, relationships fraught with psychological twists and turns, as well as quite a bit of suspense.

“This is a story that begins with a barbeque.” And that is how *Truly, Madly, Guilty* begins. Featuring two childhood girlfriends, Clementine and Erika who, as it turns out, had a difficult upbringing (think parents who are extreme hoarders and mentally ill) while Clementine's fairly normal home life provides a refuge for her friend. Presently, they are both married: Erika to Oliver, and they are childless, but orderly, critical and tidy bordering on fanaticism. And Clementine the famous Cellist has two daughters with her husband, Sam, who is having what can only be described as a mid-life crisis. (Their marriage eventually being tested after a dreadful event occurs at the barbeque.)

There is another colorful character, a hearty salt of the earth kind of guy named Vid. He's the one, with his 'smoking hot wife' that invites the two couples, and their kids, over for this barbeque at his mc mansion. The story is deftly woven, keeping us in suspense to find out exactly what terrible thing occurs at the barbeque we keep hearing about. After all, this climactic and traumatic event deeply affects all who are there – including the children. What DID happen at that barbeque? I'll never tell, and I leave it to you dear Reader, to find out.

Happy summer reading!

CALL #: FIC MORIART (in Print, Large Print, Audiobook (CD) and Overdrive)

BEST USED BOOK SALE

The June Book Sale earned a total of \$2,246.16 over the two days. Combined with the pre-sales we earned \$4,359.78 during the two months since the April sale. It looks as though the net earnings for the 2018-2019 fiscal year will be about \$22,500! This is a lot of books at our low prices. Thanks to everyone who has donated such great books to the Book Sale.

The August sale will be our Back-to-School sale on **Friday, August 2** from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, August 3** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Featured will be reference materials, school supplies, and teacher's materials. See you then.

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

Enjoy an energetic, lively book discussion for adults on **Thursday, July 18** at 11:00 a.m. In July, we are reading *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. On **August 15**, we'll talk about our favorite and least favorite books of the year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SIERRA MADRE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY

7/1 9:00 a.m. Baby Rhyme Time
 7/1 10:00 a.m. Storytime
 7/1 11:00 a.m. Reading Buddies
 7/2 12 Noon-4:00 p.m. LEGO Play Day
 7/2 4:00-8:00 p.m. Virtual Reality, Tabletop Board Games & Coloring
 7/3 11:00 a.m. Soap Making Series #4 — Balms
 7/3 7:00 p.m. Pajama Storytime
 7/4 LIBRARY CLOSED 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY
 7/7 6:00-8:00 P.M. Friends Concert in the Park
 7/8 9:00 a.m. Baby Rhyme Time
 7/8 10:00 a.m. Pacific Animal Productions — Animal Antics
 7/8 11:00 a.m. Reading Buddies
 7/9 10:00 a.m. Toddler Obstacle Course
 7/9 12 Noon-4:00 p.m. LEGO Play Day
 7/9 4:00 p.m. Soap Making Series #1 — Hot and Cold Process
 7/9 4:00-8:00 p.m. Virtual Reality, Tabletop Board Games & Coloring
 7/11 2:00-4:00 p.m. Reading Buddies
 7/11 3:30 p.m. Barks and Books
 7/11 4:00 p.m. Weekly Art Workshop For Kids — LEGO
 7/13 10:00 a.m. Craft It —Watermelon Squishy
 7/13 6:30 p.m. Teens Only Mini Golf/Dance Party
 7/15 9:00 a.m. Baby Rhyme Time
 7/15 10:00 a.m. Storytime
 7/15 11:00 a.m. Reading Buddies
 7/15 5:00 p.m. Coding With Scratch Workshop Day 1
 7/16 12 Noon-4:00 p.m. LEGO Play Day
 7/16 4:00 p.m. Soap Making Series #2 — Hands-On Melt & Pour
 7/16 4:00-8:00 p.m. Virtual Reality, Tabletop Board Games & Coloring
 7/16 5:00 p.m. Coding With Scratch Workshop Day 2
 7/17 3:00 p.m. 3D Printing Workshop
 7/17 5:00 p.m. Coding With Scratch Workshop Day 3
 7/17 7:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting
 7/18 ALL DAY Stuffed Animal Sleepover Drop Off
 7/18 11:00 a.m. 3rd Thursday Book Club
 7/18 2:00-4:00 p.m. Reading Buddies
 7/18 5:00 p.m. Coding With Scratch Workshop Day 3
 7/20 10:00 a.m. Stuffed Animal Sleepover Breakfast
 7/20 1:00 p.m. Kres Mersky's One Woman Show — Tiny Baby

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 7/22 9:00 a.m.
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 7/23 12 Noon-4:00 p.m.
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 7/25 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 7/25 4:00 p.m.
 7/27 1:00 p.m.
 7/27 2:00 p.m.
 7/29 9:00 a.m.
 7/29 10:00 a.m.
 7/29 11:00 a.m.
 7/30 12 Noon-4:00 p.m.
 7/30 4:00 p.m.
 7/30 4:00-8:00 p.m.

AUGUST

8/1 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 8/1 4:00 p.m.
 8/2 3:00-7:00 p.m.
 8/3 LAST DAY OF SUPER SUMMER FUN PROGRAM
 8/3 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 8/3 10:00 a.m.
 8/5 9:00 a.m.
 8/5 10:00 a.m.
 8/6 10:00 a.m.
 8/6 12 Noon-4:00 p.m.
 8/6 3:00 p.m.
 8/6 4:00-8:00 p.m.
 8/7 2:30 p.m.
 8/10 10:00 a.m.
 8/12 LIBRARY PROGRAMMING BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3
 8/15 11:00 a.m.
 8/21 7:00 p.m.
 8/22 6:00 p.m.
 8/28 7:00 p.m.

50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing
 Baby Rhyme Time
 Mad Science — Fire & Ice
 Reading Buddies
 LEGO Play Day
 Soap Making Series #3 — Lotions
 Virtual Reality, Tabletop Board Games & Coloring
 Library Board of Trustees Meeting
 Reading Buddies
 Weekly Art Workshop For Kids — Harry Potter Animals
 Cricut Workshop
 Artisan Guitar Ensemble
 Baby Rhyme Time
 Storytime
 Reading Buddies
 LEGO Play Day
 Soap Making Series #4 — Balms
 Virtual Reality, Tabletop Board Games & Coloring

Reading Buddies
 Weekly Art Workshop For Kids — Incredibles
 Best Used Book Sale
 SUMMER FUN PROGRAM
 Best Used Book Sale
 Craft It — Personalized Phone Grip
 Baby Rhyme Time
 Storytime — End of Summer Craft
 Toddler Obstacle Course
 LEGO Play Day
 Mad Science Workshop — Crime Lab
 Virtual Reality, Tabletop Board Games & Coloring
 Cricut Workshop
 3D Printing Workshop
 LIBRARY PROGRAMMING BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3
 3rd Thursday Book Club
 Friends Board Meeting
 Teen Volunteer Appreciation Party
 NO Library Board of Trustees Meeting

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