

## President's Message

It is with great sadness that I report the death of **Sandra Dickey**. She was an amazing woman who volunteered for many years with the Friends. Originally, she was on the Book Sale committee and then served as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. Her work was meticulous, and she was a true professional. We will miss her, not just because she was a wonderful asset, but also because she was a lovely person.

Another **Art Fair** is in the past, and there will be reports about the event and about the volunteers who helped bring it together. Please take a moment to read them, and you will understand the scope of the work that it takes, and the commitment of our volunteers.

This is my last newsletter as President, and maybe a bittersweet moment. There was the satisfaction of trying to craft something intelligent and meaningful, and then there were the "Oh, it can't be that time again" moments, and the nudges from Sharon Murphy to please be on time this month. I have to thank Sharon for her patience.

It has been an interesting year. We have had regular reports on the new Library Foundation, monthly updates on the Library from Christine Smart, and news from the Library Trustees on their endeavors. Hopefully, we will soon know the results of all the work that has gone into trying to solve the problems with our lovely, old Library building. As always, we are committed to supporting the Trustees in their decisions.

Lastly, I want to say that our Library staff is wonderful. They do so much with so little, and we are appreciative of their efforts to continue to provide wonderful programs and services in the face of the staff cut-backs. In spite of everything, their optimism about the future is inspiring. And as part of Library staff, I would like to mention the Library Volunteers, many of whom are members of Friends. This dedicated group of men and women work many hours and assist the professional staff. Their contribution is priceless.

**Margaret Quigley**

## 'SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS'

*The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library*

*Invite you to attend the  
Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner  
Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 PM*

**Sierra Madre United Methodist Church  
695 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre  
(Enter from Michillinda Avenue)**

**We look forward to your attendance as we elect the 2019-2020  
Board of Directors and Thank You for Your Support this year**

**Please RSVP by Friday, June 14 to Margaret Quigley  
at 355-5546 or [mommyquigs@gmail.com](mailto:mommyquigs@gmail.com)**

## BEST USED BOOK SALE

The June Best Used Book Sale will take place on **Friday, June 7**, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, June 8**, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We'll be having a **HALF-PRICE** sale on all **SPORTS** books in the Basement, just in time for Father's Day. Look for titles about sports personalities, history, statistics and "how-to" books. We'll also have some wonderful "coffee-table" books on Art, History, Cooking and Culture as well as special Children's books in the Basement.

Looking for books for **YOUNG ADULTS** this summer? In the Parking Lot there will be a large collection for \$1.00 each. Other **CHILDREN'S** titles range from 25 cents - \$1.00 each. There will also be a special table outside with large-format **ART** books for only \$3.00 each and our always eclectic group of \$1.00 **BARGAIN BOOKS**. Small paperbacks are always 25 cents or 5/\$1.00. Remember **Saturday is our \$5.00 BAG SALE** in the Parking Lot!

Thank you to all the Friends who have supported our Book Sales this last year. We appreciate your donations of gently-used books and your attendance at the sales which help our special Library.

## NEW LIBRARY LOGO UNVEILED

After several months of contemplation and input, the Library is happy to introduce a new logo. Staff and Trustees set out to create a logo that embodied not only the Library, but reflected the fixtures of Sierra Madre as well. When you think of the Library, we no longer think solely of books, so it was determined that the logo should not be 100% book focused. When considering Sierra Madre, the two constant icons of our community were the beautiful San Gabriel Mountains and the historic Wistaria Vine.

Graphic artist **Perry Lopez**, a Sierra Madre resident, took these ideas, and transformed them into the beautiful logo you see. In it, the San Gabriel Mountains are portrayed using book spines in various shades of Wistaria purple. Along with the Library, the Friends, Trustees and City Council are delighted with the resulting artwork.



## EXPLORE EARLY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AMERICAN DESERT WEST

On **Saturday, June 22** at 2:00 p.m., take an enthralling local history tour with author Jeff Lapidés as he shares his new book, *The Mojave Road in 1863: The Pioneering Photographs of Rudolph D'Heureuse*.

Hear the unique and exciting true story of the creation of the earliest photographs taken in the American Desert West. Jeff Lapidés is the designer and image co-editor of the award-winning *Southern California Story* by Michele Zack.

## MOVIE — THE TREASURE OF THE SIERRA MADRE

"Gold in the hills, avarice in the hearts of men." Enjoy the famous and enduring classic film directed by John Huston and starring Humphrey Bogart, Walter Huston and Tim Holt. Be there on **Tuesday, June 18** at 6:00 p.m.

## WORKSHOP SERIES — MAKE YOUR OWN ALL-NATURAL SOAP, LOTION AND BALMS

Make your own batch of homemade soap, lotion and balms on **Wednesdays, June 12, 19, 26 and July 3** at 11:00 a.m. Adults will make soap in the first two sessions and will make lotion and balms in the second two sessions. The four-week workshop will be repeated on Tuesdays in July.

Call or stop by the Library to sign up. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure adequate supplies.

## CRAFT IT! WITH CRICUT

Participants will create intricate faux leather earrings on **Saturday, June 8** at 10:00 a.m. using the Cricut, an electronic cutting machine. The easy-to-use machine is also available during open Library hours with no appointment necessary. Users must bring their own materials, no construction paper please. The Cricut comes loaded with lots of fonts and images.

## 3D PRINTING

Be part of the innovative world of 3D printing and discover the applications in both home and hobbies and science and industry. Learn ways to use 3D printing in your home, how to download free open source templates, and create your own designs. A workshop will be held on **Saturday, June 15** at 12 Noon.

## MATHMANIA ROBOTICS

Discover the possibilities of robotics and programming in this hands-on class for children. They'll build and engineer a chassis and participate in a drag race during this robotics challenge. For Grades 1 to 6 on **Wednesday, June 19** from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

## ANIME YOUR WAY

Teens, explore the world of Anime on **Wednesday, June 12** at 4:00 p.m. Join other teens and be part of a step by step drawing program that gives insight into the world of anime in a fully interactive and comprehensive special summer class. Teens will also munch on Japanese snacks!

## SUPER SUMMER READING FOR EVERYONE

Read, be active, and enjoy a myriad of programs throughout the community, starting **Saturday, June 8** until August 4. Adults, children and teens – pick up your Super Summer Passport at the Library or City events. Mark your passport and earn prizes by reading, attending events, shopping local, and visiting local landmarks.

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**Summer Reading Volunteers** — Teens who want to earn service hours, give back to your community, and have fun are invited to spend this summer volunteering at the Library. Teens, students going into Seventh Grade and up, will help sign people up for the Super Summer Fun program and assist with projects and programs throughout the summer. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 for more information or join the training on **Wednesday, June 5** at 4:00 p.m.

**Reading Buddies Program** — Summer Reading Buddies are back! For more responsibility, students going into High School, can become a Summer Reading Buddy. This program will ask teens to read with children, ages Pre-K through Third Grade, to help stop the summer

reading slide and maintain reading skills over the summer.

## BUBBLEMANIA FOR KIDS

Enjoy this popular, engaging, and interactive Library program on the science and fun of bubbles on **Saturday, June 8** at 11:00 a.m. Delight to shimmering waves of soap films and the grand finale – kids in a giant bubble!

## NOTEWORTHY PUPPETS PRESENTS THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

While two little pigs are content to take the easy route, their pigheadedness could spell trouble when the Big Bad Wolf comes knocking. Will the third Little Pig have the inventiveness to save the day? Find out on **Monday, June 10** at 10:00 a.m.

## TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH RANGER JACK

Through exciting music and puppets, explore the world with Ranger Jack as you voyage on an interactive expedition at the Library! Children will sing, dance, bunny hop and more on **Monday, June 24** at 10:00 a.m.



Ranger Jack

## WEEKLY ART WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Kids! Stop in for a fun and easy art project with oil pastels on **Thursdays, June 13 to August 1** at 4:00 p.m. Topics for this month: June 13 – Spider-Man; June 20 – Pokémon; June 27 – Mary Poppins.

## TODDLER OBSTACLE COURSE

Children walking through age 2 are invited to enjoy a myriad of fun and safe obstacles to improve balance and dexterity through play on **Tuesday, June 11** at 10:00 a.m.

## 57TH ANNUAL SIERRA MADRE ART FAIR

Thank you to all the committee members and the countless volunteers who came out to help make the Art Fair a reality. There were **65 volunteer positions filled** on the two days of the Fair. We cannot do this without your continued support — Thank You!

65 artists in varied mediums displayed their talents and shared their time, while offering patrons the opportunity to purchase unique items of Fine Art. These talented artists also donated 45 items to our **Silent Auction**, which made \$2,081.00.

These volunteers contributed their time and talents above and beyond the call of duty: **Sharon Murphy, Kelley Hanna, Peggy Matchin and Alison Snow**, Exhibits Committee; **Darlene Traxler**, Friends Food Booth Chair and Volunteer Coordinator; **Susan Gallagher**, Publicity; **Michele and Rick Snyder**, Registration and Information; **Jean Sudbury**, Coordinated Music at the Band Shell and on the Southwest Lawn; and **Creative Arts Group** provided the supplies and instruction for the children's Craft Activity.

**Boy Scout Troup 110** provided security for the weekend, as well as assisting in set up, giving helping hands as needed throughout the weekend and a great team effort in helping with clean up on Sunday. **Susan Clifton** lent the most-welcomed canopies used over the picnic tables on the main lawn. Thanks to everyone with the **City of Sierra Madre**, especially **Rosemary Garcia from Community Services** and **Chris Cimino and his great crew from Public Works**.  
**Margaret Quigley**

## THANK YOU ART FAIR BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS

A total of 35 bakers responded to my phone calls. I salute each and every one for volunteering to work in the booth, the bakers and especially the ones who managed to do both.

I would also like to extend my special thanks to the volunteers who supported the Art Fair in the Friends Booth, Friends Food Booth, Silent Auction, and those who served as Hosts or Hostesses. These dedicated individuals include: Mike and Prudence Levine, Sue Quinn, Marge Koch, Darlene Crook, Marie Stuart, Emmett & Joan McGuire, Sue Behrens, Martha Troedson, Mary Higgins, Connie Wortham, Sally Follett, Doug & Beth Kerns, Patty Murphy, Bill Ramsey, Deb Sheridan, Karen Matter, Helen Gronquist, Shannon King, Frank Moore, Rob & Wendy Stockly, Frances Smith, Bob & Ann Wolf, Alice Clark, Stacy Miller, Joyce Kenyon, Helena Czepiec, Marlene Enmark, Vicky Ryan, Gloria Giersbach, Julia Brady, Pat Alcorn, Patricia Hall, Linda Heller, Judie Cimino, Jane Zamanzadeh, Rebecka Acker, Chandy Shair, Ellen O'Leary, Isabel Bronzince, Leigh Thach, Nina Bartolai, Jo Ann Williams, Carolyn Leach, Karma Bell, Jean Coleman, Irene Nakagawa, Tonia Makshanoff, Julie Bencosme, Stan Hutchison, Nancy Dorn, Jeanne Martin, Toni Navarro, Nancy Shollenberger, Barry & Leslie Ziff, Beth Smith-Kellock, Joan Crow and Luciana Rosenzweig.

**Darlene Traxler**

## PARTNERS PROGRAM

It is with great sadness that we share with you the passing of our *Partner* — Sandra Dickey — on Monday, May 20. She was a loyal and active member of the *Partners Program* since 2014 and will be sorely missed by her family, friends and colleagues. Fare Thee Well Sandra.

On a happier note — many thanks to Beverly Clifton and Martha Troedson for renewing your membership in the *Partners Program* for another year. Your continued support is valued and appreciated!



## READER'S REVIEW

This month's review is by **Richard Bellikoff**

***The Amazing Adventures  
of Kavalier & Clay*  
by Michael Chabon**

I read this superb novel soon after it won the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, and in all the years since then, I haven't discovered a better contemporary literary work.

It's 1939 in New York City. Joe Kavalier, a young Czech artist and budding magician who admires the "autoliberation" techniques of Harry Houdini, has just made a Houdiniesque escape of his own from Nazi-occupied Prague. He arrives on the doorstep of his Brooklyn cousin, Sammy Clay, hoping to make enough money to spirit his family away to freedom. Fortuitously, Sammy is looking for a partner to help him cash in on the latest American craze, the comic book. With Sammy creating the plots and Joe the images, a comic-book superhero is born: the Escapist, who, as Chabon describes, "roams the globe, performing amazing feats and coming to the aid of those who languish in tyranny's chains!" While Hitler's shadow falls across Europe and Joe's efforts to rescue his family become more frantic and desperate, the Golden Age of comic books has begun, fueled by "the inspirations and lucubration's of five hundred aging boys dreaming as hard as they could."

In the course of this vast and sprawling novel, Joe and Sammy have many amazing adventures, both in real life and in their comic-book fantasies, as the two worlds increasingly converge. Their experiences run the gamut, from great success to grim tragedy and broken hearts.

As war clouds gather, the Escapist and his fellow superheroes reassure their fearful fans that in art if not in life, good will always triumph over evil. Chabon celebrates the "genuine magic of art" and the therapeutic powers of escapism, in contrast to the critics of comic books, who, as he puts it, lament "the pernicious effect, on young minds, of satisfying the desire to escape. As if there could be any more noble or necessary service in life."

Chabon writes enchanting, exuberant, thrilling prose. His book is a triumph of imaginative storytelling. I can't think of another novel that I could describe as swashbuckling, a word usually reserved for sword-and-sorcery movies.

This book lives up to its title as an amazing adventure, both for its characters and its readers. In fact, while writing this review, I've convinced myself to re-read it. With so many to choose from, I don't endorse the designation of a single book as the Great American Novel, but if you put a gun to my head, I'd pick this one.

**CALL #: FIC CHABON**

## THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

The selection for June is *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* by B. Traven. Read the riveting story of the three down-and-out Americans hunting for gold in Sonora, Mexico, and discuss it on **Thursday, June 20** at 11:00 a.m.

## LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE

In June the Library's display case features the Sierra Madre Super Summer Reading Program.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/3	9:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
6/3	10:00 a.m.	Storytime — <i>Make Your Own Mask Craft</i>
6/3	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Reading Buddies
6/4	12 Noon-4:00 p.m.	LEGO Play Day
6/4	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Virtual Reality, Coloring & Tabletop Game Night
6/5	4:00 p.m.	Teen Volunteer Orientation
6/5	7:00 p.m.	Pajama Storytime
6/6	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Reading Buddies
6/7	3:00-7:00 p.m.	Best Used Book Sale
6/8	FIRST DAY OF SUPER SUMMER READING PROGRAM	
6/8	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Best Used Book Sale
6/8	10:00 a.m.	Craft It! Cricut Cut Earrings
6/8	11:00 a.m.	Bubblemania
6/10	9:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
6/10	10:00 a.m.	Noteworthy Puppets — <i>The Three Little Pigs</i>
6/10	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Reading Buddies
6/11	10:00 a.m.	Toddler Obstacle Course
6/11	12 Noon-4:00 p.m.	LEGO Play Day
6/11	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Virtual Reality, Coloring & Tabletop Game Night
6/12	11:00 a.m.	Soap Making Workshop #1 — <i>Hot &amp; Cold Process</i>
6/12	2:30 p.m.	Cricut Workshop
6/12	4:00 p.m.	Teens Only Anime Your Way
6/13	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Reading Buddies
6/13	3:30 p.m.	Barks & Books
6/13	4:00 p.m.	Weekly Art Workshop with Art for Kids — <i>Spider-Man</i>
6/15	12 Noon-1:00 p.m.	3D Printing Workshop
6/17	9:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
6/17	10:00 a.m.	Storytime — <i>Under the Sea Crab Craft</i>
6/17	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Reading Buddies
6/18	12 Noon-4:00 p.m.	LEGO Play Day
6/18	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Virtual Reality, Coloring & Tabletop Game Night
6/18	6:00 p.m.	Movie — <i>The Treasure of the Sierra Madre</i>
6/19	11:00 a.m.	Soap Making Workshop #2 — <i>Melt &amp; Pour</i>
6/19	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Mathmania Robotics
6/19	6:30 p.m.	Friends Annual Dinner & Meeting
6/20	11:00 a.m.	Third Thursday Book Club
6/20	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Reading Buddies
6/20	4:00 p.m.	Weekly Art Workshop with Art for Kids — <i>Pokémon</i>
6/22	2:00 p.m.	Explore Early Photographs of the American Desert West
6/24	9:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
6/24	10:00 a.m.	Ranger Jack Preschool Musician
6/24	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Reading Buddies
6/25	12 Noon-4:00 p.m.	LEGO Play Day
6/25	4:00-8:00 p.m.	Virtual Reality, Coloring & Tabletop Game Night
6/26	11:00 a.m.	Soap Making Workshop #3 — <i>Lotions</i>
6/26	7:00 p.m.	Library Trustees Board Meeting
6/27	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Reading Buddies
6/27	4:00 p.m.	Weekly Art Workshop with Art for Kids — <i>Mary Poppins</i>

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Enjoy an hour of reading, songs, music and crafts. Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and the first Wednesday (Pajama Storytime) of every month at 7:00 p.m. For ages 1 and up

## BABY RHYME TIME

Families with babies from birth to age 2 will love this program, full of bonding and rhyming with a parent network on Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

## BARKS AND BOOKS

Children in grades K-3 are invited to read to a gentle and specially trained dog on Thursday, June 13 and on the second Thursday of every month, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

## TEEN SCENE

Weekly activities, snacks and volunteer opportunities for Middle School and High School students at the Sierra Madre Public Library.

Teen Advisory Board — First Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Plan programs, earn service credit.

Middle School Crafty Book Club — Second Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Chat and create a craft with a monthly book selection.

Do Something FUN Activity Day — Third Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Play to win bragging rights and de-stress.

## SIERRA MADRE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

Explore local history in the Library archives, jointly owned and maintained by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society and the Library. For research assistance, please call 626-355-7186.

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