



FRIENDS of the Sierra Madre Library

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October 2019

President's Message

October is one of my favorite months. The Midwestern German Girl in me loves Harvest Fall Festivals, Oktoberfest, Carmel Apples, Apple Cider, Pumpkin anything, Tailgating at College Football Games, and Halloween. The Friends activities are also filling the October agenda for you and me.

The next **Best Used Book Sale** will be held on **Friday, October 4** and **Saturday, October 5**. Please see the information from **Martha Troedson** and her fantastic crew about special books highlighted at this sale. The used book sales have become our number one fundraiser to help support programs for the Library.

As I referred to in previous messages, we have been very busy with an architect to design a new Library. The Library staff has provided excellent guidance on ideal layout and spacing for this new building. As we are nearing the final design stages, it is now your turn to provide input on what you would like to see in the new Library. Two meetings are being scheduled for community input – **Saturday, October 12** at 4:00 p.m. at the Library, and the week of October 21. Stay tuned for the date, time, and location for this evening program. (Details are not finalized at the time of this article submission). We have also conducted a few tours of new surrounding area libraries. Our most recent one was the Signal Hill Library that opened in August. You might want to tour a recently designed library and see what elements that you like. It is a lot of fun to see what new libraries offer their patrons. I was very impressed with the additional possibilities that we can offer our community. Remember, libraries are not just about books. They are places to bring people together.

The next Friends Newsletter will feature the results of our **Harvest Festival Wine & Cuisine Tasting Benefit** that was held on Friday, September 27. I think it will be a perfect opportunity to thank **Leslie Ziff** and her fantastic committee in our November "Thanksgiving" issue.

Julia Brady

LIBRARY PUBLIC FORUM

What kind of Library will best serve our community in the 21st Century? Some Sierra Madre community members -- including Friends, Foundation, and Trustees -- have been envisioning how to improve the Library building and services. Now we need you! Please join us on **Saturday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m.** to learn about the project, tour our facility, look over site plans, and most importantly share your ideas for your Library! Bring the kids -- there will be volunteer-supervised crafts and activities.

HAVE YOUR SAY
and bring your friends,
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THIS IS YOUR
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SUPER SUMMER READING PROGRAM IN SIERRA MADRE

It was a Super Summer at the Library filled with reading and events for all ages. Children and parents were enthralled by our Bubblemania Kick Off program in June. Ranger Jack introduced his animal friends to many of our young patrons and our toddlers practiced their coordination while working through an obstacle course created just for them inside the Library. The Stuffed Animal Sleepover was a hit with 66 stuffed animals spending the night and 153 family members picking them up. Our Challenger Readers enjoyed a celebratory Pool Party with 155 people in attendance.

Adults enjoyed 14 summer programs including: author visits, a classical guitar performance, multiple crafts including a soap making series and watermelon squishies, and a standing room only Bear Awareness program, just to name a few.

Our local teens volunteered over 500 hours of their time to help tally the many hours of reading and summer activities and earned service credit at the same time. Our overall attendance for the 2019 Summer Reading Programs was 1,835 patrons!

SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS: LITTLE WOMEN

Join us at the Library on **Wednesday, October 16** at 5:00 p.m. when members of the Sierra Madre Playhouse and the California School of the Arts, San Gabriel Valley will perform a scene from their production of *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott; adapted and directed by Artistic Director, Christian Lebano. Running October 17 to November 3 at the Sierra Madre Playhouse.

JONESING FOR JAVA

Attend a 30-minute coffee tasting program to introduce you to the basics and wonders of coffee. From how to brew a good cup of coffee to sampling various flavors of the world, Diana Shaw will serve samples of coffee and introduce you to such topics as steaming milk, bean vs ground, and how to store coffee. Bring your taste buds and your questions for a fun exploration of everyone's favorite morning ritual. On Thursdays in October at 10:00 a.m., **begins October 3**.



STEAM OPEN HOUSE

During our STEAM Open House on **Saturday, October 19** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. learn about 3D Printing and print your very own item at a special-event discount price of FREE! Size restrictions apply. Then learn about die-cutting and its applications on the Cricut and create your projects with confidence. Finally, need a break from the real world? Both Virtual Reality stations will be geared up and ready to take you worlds away!

3D PRINTER WORKSHOP

On **Thursday, October 24** at 10:30 a.m. find personal uses in the innovative world of 3D printing utilizing the Lulzbot Taz 6 or Mini 3D printers in the Library! Learn ways to use 3D printing in your home, how to download free open source templates, and create your own designs.

CRICUT WORKSHOP

On **Thursday, October 10** at 10:45 a.m. stop by and learn the fundamentals of Cricut with a Library staff member; no appointment necessary.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The Library's entry for this year's Scarecrow Festival is Voldemort and Nagini from the Harry Potter series! Here's the backstory on how they came to be at the Sierra Madre Public Library:

Voldemort and Nagini Love the Library – Voldemort isn't able to visit the Hogwarts Library anymore because he's presumed dead. At one of his secret death-eater meetings (where he's planning to regain his powers and shock Harry Potter with his very existence), he overhears talk of a magical town far away named Sierra Madre. He also hears they have a fantastic Library! So Voldemort makes his way to magical Sierra Madre to do some research. He arrives here ready to resume his wicked ways and to try to once again create a horcrux. Instead, he falls in love with this beautiful town and its friendly charms. His favorite part of lovely Sierra Madre is the Public Library. With the help of the many books inside the Library, he's learning how to cook amazing meals for Nagini and himself. He's learning to meditate in order to deal with his anger issues. He's learning yoga, and loving all of the mystery novels he's finding on the shelves. He loves this Library so much he has vowed to protect it and now stands guard every night, waiting to defend it if necessary.



1-2-3 PLAY WITH ME: A PARENT-CHILD WORKSHOP

At these workshops, you will spend quality time with your children and family; meet new people; speak with community resource professionals; and most importantly: read, play and discover! In-person registration for all sessions is required, so sign up soon. This FREE program is for parents and children from birth through 36 months. Wednesdays in October at 10:00 a.m., **begins October 2**.

ONE WORLD RHYTHM: DID YOU HEAR THAT SOUND?

Be a spooky music maker for this interactive musical show by One World Rhythm on **Saturday, October 12** at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy fun music, movement activities, and special surprises. For ages Birth to 5 years old.

RPG 101: KIDS ON BIKES

Want to be a part of Hawkins without ending up in The Upside Down? Join Game Master (GM) TL Frasqueri-Molina as she takes you through a small town with BIG mysteries. Will be held on **Saturday, October 5** at 2:00 p.m. For children of all ages!

IN-N-OUT READING PROGRAM

From October 5 through November 16 – Read Books, Eat Burgers! Join the Cover-to-Cover Reading Program at the Sierra Madre Public Library and earn a free Burger or Grilled Cheese for every 5 books you read (up to 3 coupons). Open to ages 4-12.



PRINCESS/MONSTER MAKEUP TUTORIAL

On **Saturday, October 5** at 1:00 p.m. learn how to transform into a zombie, vampire, or fairy with a hands-on tutorial from the makeup artists at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Kids and families will learn how to do their own ghoulish or boo-tiful makeup. For grade school children.

TWISTED TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

On **Wednesday, October 16** at 4:00 p.m. break out the ghosts of costumes past for this rousing game of trivia. Costumes are required. Teams will be forged. Prizes will be won.

BEST USED BOOK SALE

The October Best Used Book Sale is coming up soon. We'll be in the Basement and the Parking Lot on **Friday, October 4** from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, October 5** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This time we are featuring a Bill Bryson hardcover collection, *Cooks Illustrated* magazines bound in hardback covers, and a wonderful collection of colorful vintage sheet music! AND we're having a **HALF-PRICE SALE** on History, Religion and Inspirational books on our shelves. The Basement Table will be filled with many 2019 titles as well as many "Coffee-Table" type books on Art, Cooking, History, Sports and Contemporary Culture. Check out our DVD, CD and Audio Book collections too.

The Parking Lot will have our popular \$1.00 Bargain Books. These are new selections since the last sale and include vintage to newer Fiction and Non-Fiction titles. Children's and teen books in the Parking Lot are priced from 25 cents-\$1.00 each and small paperbacks are priced 25 cents each or 5/\$1.00. We also will have several boxes for parents and teachers filled with teaching materials.

REMEMBER, the \$5.00 BAG SALE is SATURDAY only in the Parking Lot.

PARTNERS PROGRAM

Many thanks are extended to *Partners* Heather & Dan Banis, Mary & James Carter, Marlene Enmark, Janet & Keith Gillespie, Gloria & Bob Giersbach, Jill & Pat Holland, Ralph & Trinidad Komai, and Shirley & Alan Leahy for your on-going commitment to our Library as we continue to seek solutions to ensure its future.

Much work and planning is currently taking place through the newly formed Sierra Madre Library Foundation. Your continued faithful support as *Partners* is needed and very much appreciated by all involved – our Library Staff, our Patrons, The Friends of the Library, our town supporters. Thank you again for your caring gifts to our very special Library – all greatly valued !!

Perhaps our paths will have crossed at our 49th Annual Wine & Cuisine Tasting event on September 27 giving us an opportunity to personally thank you for your support and contributions.

MARY TUMILTY ENDOWMENT FUND

Those of you who knew Mary – City Librarian of our Library for 10 years from 1974 to 1984 – will know how very proud she was of our Library and the mark it has made, and continues to make, on our community. She was, and still is through her Endowment Fund, one of the Library's most loyal supporters. But, alas, ten years have gone by since she passed away. She is still sorely missed by many friends and colleagues who appreciated her strong presence, the time and talent she gave our Library over many years – AND – the legacy she left us as we continue to carry the torch to support Mary's fund to make our Library be THE BEST IT CAN BE. We would be so pleased to hear from our readers who knew Mary with your memories of a very special Friend of the Library – Mary Tumilty!

CRAFT IT! WINE GLASS VOTIVE

On **Saturday, October 5** at 10:00 a.m. we'll be crafting a wine glass votive, the perfect autumnal accessory for your home. Supplies are provided but are limited.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CRAFTY BOOK CLUB

On **Wednesday, October 9** at 4:00 p.m. we'll discuss the book *Spirit Hunters* by Ellen Oh and make FrAnKeNdOLs. Frankendolls are when various toys or dolls are taken apart then put back together in a much more horrifying configuration.



READER'S REVIEW

This month's review is by
Richard Bellikoff

Hitch-22

by Christopher Hitchens

The only thing Hitchens had in common with the movie director Alfred Hitchcock is that both men's friends called them Hitch, and the only resemblance this book has to *Catch-22* is its title. After decades on the public stage, this erudite and provocative political and social commentator wrote a memoir about his private life. It's a self-portrait of a public intellectual who relished verbal combat, once described himself as a political pugilist and listed "disputation" and "drinking" as his hobbies in *Who's Who*.

It's in many ways a coming-of-age story. Hitchens explores the roots of his penetrating prose style, describing the authors who shaped his formidable intellect and transformed him into a fiercely independent thinker who refused to swallow orthodoxy and received opinion. He also recounts his formative experiences as a young political activist and anti-Vietnam War protestor: "If you have never yourself had the experience of feeling that you are yoked to the great steam engine of history, then allow me to inform you that the conviction is a very intoxicating one."

There are accounts of his friendships with eminent writers and commentators, including an entire chapter about Salman Rushdie, as a friend and literary figure, and as the political symbol that Rushdie became when "The Satanic Verses" put his name on Ayatollah Khomeini's hit list.

At an early age, Hitchens felt the need to embrace contradictions and opposing points of view. He realized that "journalism was the ideal profession for someone like myself who was drawn to the Janus-faced mode of life." He was always able to anticipate the counterargument to any case he made. For example, his chapter on the U.S. war in Iraq is titled "Mesopotamia From Both Sides."

The paperback edition of this book, published posthumously in 2012, features a new prologue which mentions Hitchens' terminal cancer diagnosis: "I am writing this at a moment when, according to my doctors, I cannot be certain of celebrating another birthday." Indeed, he did not, but this memoir reveals how full a life he lived in 62 years.

If you've never read Hitchens, this memoir will whet your appetite for more of his work, and fortunately for you, the Sierra Madre Public Library is well-stocked with his books. One lamentable omission is a volume on the current occupant of the White House, whose behavior, had Hitchens lived long enough to witness it, would surely have provoked a display of his well-established aversion to fraudulence and mendacity.

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THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

Enjoy an energetic, lively book discussion for adults on **October 17** at 11:00 a.m. The book is *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson.

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE

The Library display case for October will feature information on the Creative Arts Group.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



10/1	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
10/1	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
10/1	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
10/2	10:00 a.m.	1-2-3 Play With Me: A Parent-Child Workshop
10/2	4:00 p.m.	Teen Advisory Board
10/3	10:00 a.m.	Jonesing for Java
10/4	3:00-7:00 p.m.	Best Used Book Sale
10/5	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Best Used Book Sale
10/5	IN-N-OUT BURGER COVER TO COVER READING PROGRAM BEGINS	
10/5	10:00 a.m.	Craft It! Wine Glass Votive
10/5	1:00 p.m.	Princess/Monster Makeup Tutorial
10/5	2:00-6:00 p.m.	RPG 101: Kids on Bikes
10/7	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
10/8	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
10/8	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
10/8	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
10/9	10:00 a.m.	1-2-3 Play With Me: A Parent-Child Workshop
10/9	4:00 p.m.	Middle School Crafty Book Club – <i>Spirit Hunters</i>
10/10	10:00 a.m.	Jonesing for Java
10/10	10:45 a.m.	Cricut Workshop
10/10	3:30 p.m.	Barks & Books
10/12	10:00 a.m.	One World Rhythm: Did You Hear That Sound?
10/12	4:00 p.m.	LIBRARY PUBLIC FORUM
10/14	LIBRARY CLOSED COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY	
10/15	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
10/15	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
10/15	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
10/16	10:00 a.m.	1-2-3 Play With Me: A Parent-Child Workshop
10/16	4:00 p.m.	Twisted Teen Trivia Night
10/16	5:00 p.m.	Sierra Madre Playhouse: Little Women
10/16	7:00 p.m.	Friends Board Meeting
10/17	10:00 a.m.	Jonesing for Java
10/17	11:00 a.m.	3rd Thursday Book Club
10/19	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	STEAM Open House
10/21	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
10/22	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
10/22	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
10/22	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
10/23	10:00 a.m.	1-2-3 Play With Me: A Parent-Child Workshop
10/24	10:00 a.m.	Jonesing for Java
10/24	10:30 a.m.	3D Printing Workshop
10/24	7:00 p.m.	Library Board of Trustees Meeting
10/28	10:00 a.m.	Storytime
10/29	10:00 a.m.	Baby Rhyme Time
10/29	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Lego Challenge
10/29	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Virtual Reality
10/30	10:00 a.m.	1-2-3 Play With Me: A Parent-Child Workshop
10/31	10:00 a.m.	Jonesing for Java

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Enjoy an hour of reading, songs, music and crafts on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. For ages 3-5.

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 Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

BARKS AND BOOKS

Children in grades K-3 are invited to read to a gentle and specially trained dog on **Thursday, October 10** and on the second Thursday of every month, from 3:30 to 4:30

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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Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
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 Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
 Closed Fridays, Sundays and Holidays

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