

President's Message

"June is bustin' out all over, all over the meadows and the hills...". Just like the play, Carousel, nature has produced the wonderful vegetation; and I see the citizens of Sierra Madre out walking to view the natural beauty. It could be that we are all "stir crazy" with our "Safer at Home," but we can at least grab some fresh air and exercise as well as enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library are taking a little different approach to our usual June activities. Our **Best Used Book Sale** will be a "Drive-Thru" with a \$5.00 mystery sack of your favorite genre. Please plan to visit on **Saturday, June 6.**

Our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled via ZOOM, **Wednesday, June 17**, at 7:00 p.m. Although we will not have our fun picture opportunities and delicious food and drink, we will be able to conduct our usual business of electing our next Friends Board of Directors and hearing reports from our City Librarian, Trustees, Library Foundation, Treasurer, Membership, Partners, Wine and Cuisine Tasting, Best Used Book Sale, and Art Fair. Please dial in to the following to participate:

Julia Brady is inviting you to a scheduled ZOOM meeting.

Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88378475579?pwd=VXFjbVQ5SzlCTU9WeDFKbXljd0dJQT09>

Meeting ID: 883 7847 5579

Password: 830660

In addition to June activities, the Board has been brainstorming on fundraising opportunities. We had to cancel the Art Fair and Wine and Cuisine Tasting due to the COVID-19. As you probably know, we pledge \$55,000 per year to supplement library programs. Any ideas and suggestions are most welcomed, please call me at **626-437-2520.**

Stay well,
Julia Brady

BEST USED BOOK SALE

DRIVE-THRU BAG SALE

Saturday, June 6 (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
1 Day – Parking Lot Only!

Buy a bag or several of pre-packed books by genre: History, Mysteries, Thrillers, Contemporary Fiction, Contemporary Non-Fiction, Young Adult, Children's

\$5.00 each

Drive through the Parking Lot behind the Library from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. to pick up your genre bags from volunteers in masks/gloves.

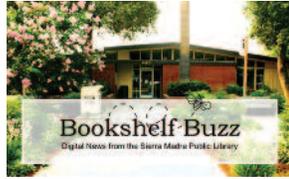


Help the Friends Support Our Library!

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Sierra Madre Public Library

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library has created something new – a digital newsletter **Bookshelf Buzz!** We'll be putting out a monthly newsletter to keep you posted on updated services, offerings, programming, and more. Due to our facility closure during COVID-19, we wanted to offer a new way for you to stay connected with your local Library. Please click on the link to see the latest newsletter:



<http://www.libraryaware.com/2565/NewsletterIssues/ViewIssue/138f0af0-773d-48bd-a51c-60ef1d98385a?postId=9575ce8c-502f-4d94-93af-d94087805a86>

Here's what happening at the Library for the next few months:

CONTACT FREE CHECKOUT AND HOME DELIVERY

Call us at the Library to reserve materials and pick up your items outside of the Library using our contact-free checkout. If you are a high-risk individual who is not leaving home, please let us know and we will work to schedule home delivery of materials (Delivery available in Sierra Madre only). We love curating book bundles just for you! Call us at 626-355-7186.

LIBRARY BOOK DROP IS NOW OPEN!

Return books, DVDs, CDS and more to the outdoor book drop anytime. Over-sized items like Robotics Kits must be returned during regular business hours. More instructions are posted at the Library.

PROGRAMS STARTING JUNE 1ST

SUMMER READING PROGRAM JUNE-AUGUST

Color in and decorate a book for each activity listed below. Complete all of the bookshelves to win a free book, prize, or even a special, socially distant Storytime! Activities include reading, attending virtual events, shopping at local businesses, and exploring your community. Stop by the Library for an activity log, or go to the Library Web Site at www.cityofsierramadre.com/services/library.

PARKING LOT WIFI

The Library's fabulous fiber Internet access has been expanded to include the Library Parking Lot, thanks to the Friends of the Library. Stop by to do homework from the comfort of your own vehicle. Social distancing rules will apply.

COMMUNITY SCAVENGER HUNTS!

Support socially-distant physical activity and decorate your home for a community scavenger hunt. Email your address to lregan@cityofsierramadre.com if you would like to be included on a published map.

June 5 – SUMMER SUN – Create a paper sun and hang it in your window.

June 26 – AMERICAN FLAGS – Express your patriotism and display your flag.

July 17 – TEDDY BEARS – Wrap up the summer with a reprise of our original hunt.

STORYTIME TO GO

Mondays, starting at 9:00 a.m., grab a bag of take-home craft supplies with instructions and a link inside to a virtual Storytime with Librarian Leila and Ms. Kim. Fifty themed bags of craft supplies will

be made and available to pick up at the Library every Monday morning on a first come, first served basis.

TRY IT TUESDAYS ADULT CRAFT WITH DOREEN

Feeling crafty but need some inspiration? Pick up a craft kit at the Library starting at 9:00 a.m. Each kit will have the supplies you need to create a unique craft, with a link inside to get step-by-step instructions. Fifty kits will be available to pick up at the Library every Monday morning on a first come, first served basis.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS ONLINE CAMPAIGN

Join Daniel Spellman every Wednesday for an online Dungeons and Dragons campaign. Registration is required – email for more information at lregan@cityofsierramadre.com.

TAILS AND TALES

Thursdays, on Social Media, hear a new story every week with a local animal friend. You can even submit a video with your household pet, and it might get posted online and shared with your community.

SUMMER SCRATCH CAMP

Learn the basics of Scratch with our weekly coding videos! We will go over the basics of Scratch for first-time Scratch users that can connect to larger principles in coding. Then we will cover more in-depth uses of Scratch that use programming logic applicable to more complicated code! Learn how to create short skits and games in Scratch as we build onto concepts from previous videos! New videos are posted every Thursday.

ALOHA FRIDAY

Learn a new hula move every Friday on Social Media with our resident Hawaiian, Librarian Leila. Videos will be posted on Social Media and every week features a new dance move.

RIDDLE ME THIS

Check Facebook and Instagram for a new riddle every Saturday. Text the Library at 626-662-1254 to make a guess and check your answer.

RESOURCES FOR JOB SEEKERS

We're here to help with a new Library resource to aid you with job applications! Writing your resume and cover letter can be daunting, but **Tutor.Com** is here to help! This resource will provide constructive comments and revisions for resumes and cover letters for anyone who is interested. Log into your Library account at sierramadre.biblionix.com, then click the tutor.com link to get started. Call the Library if you need any assistance at 626-355-7186.

WALK THIS WAY: A STORY ADVENTURE

This summer, in coordination with local Girl Scout **Maheilia Thomas**, please enjoy an outdoor reading adventure, for children of all ages. Each week features a new story to journey through. This is a fun way to foster literacy and get some exercise while respecting social distancing guidelines. The story begins on the NW corner of Wilson and Grandview. Pages continue down to W Highland and will remain up all week long. A new book will appear every week starting **Monday, June 1**.



FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

The Friends Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Dinner will NOT be held at the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, we will have a ZOOM Meeting on **Wednesday, June 17**, at 7:00 p.m. There will be brief reports and the election of the Board of Directors for 2020-2021.

To join the meeting please use this link:

Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6853330876?pwd=Wm52eElibGQ2Ni9oRzgvcm9yUnpDUT09>

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Here are the nominees:

Slate of Officers

President: Julia Brady

1st VP Governance: Margaret Quigley

2nd VP Development: Beth Smith-Kellock

Recording Secretary: Kris Chase

Treasurer: Darlene Traxler

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Zamanzadeh

Directors at Large

Beth Kerns

Leslie Ziff

Emmett McGuire

Barry Ziff

Vicky Ryan

Julie Puterbaugh

Marcielle Brandler

Sharon Murphy

Stephen Henson

Julie Bencosme

Due to the nature of this meeting, I will ask for nominations from the floor, but will also ask that anyone who can't attend the ZOOM meeting, but who would like to make a nomination, please call me at **626-355-5546**.

Also, the following have volunteered to chair Committees:

Membership: Beth Kerns

Wine and Cuisine Tasting: Leslie Ziff

Newsletter/Web Site: Sharon Murphy

Best Used Book Sale: Martha Troedson

We **still need** the following Chairmen –

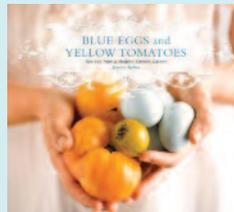
Art Fair, Publicity, and Archives.

Margaret Quigley

PARTNERS PROGRAM

Thank you to Beverly Clifton and Martha Troedson for renewing your annual membership in the **Partners Program** – and – a warm welcome to the Martinetti Family – who recently joined the **Partners**. Your support of the **Partners** in these trying times of COVID-19 is much appreciated. To all our **Partners** – please know how heartwarming it is to stay connected with you – our loyal donors. Perhaps we will see you at the Drive-Thru Best Used Book Sale.

READER'S REVIEW



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

Blue Eggs and Yellow Tomatoes

Recipes from a modern kitchen garden

by **Jeanne Kelley**

(Cooking during COVID-19 Pandemic)

My Husband and I are working (and cooking!) from home, and we've noticed many friends have turned to their dusty old recipe books for inspiration during this unusual season of our lives. Oh, I know one can look online for a recipe – but there is something about an actual pretty picture BOOK with recipes that I love.

Did you know that from a circulation standpoint, our sweet Sierra Madre Library lists cookbooks as one of the most frequent and popular types of books that we patrons check out? When a certain Sierra Madre Librarian turned me on to this cookbook, I just HAD to test some of the recipes in it. I did look at some other, more modern books in the collection from the Barefoot Contessa to Jamie Oliver – but kept returning to this beauty and thought – why not review it? After all, we have reviewed novels, non-fiction, do it yourself books and memoirs, books for guys, girls and everyone else. Just look at the photo cover of this book, celebrating summer and all things bright. This cookbook is impressive, and it is as beautiful as it is practical – here is the review:

Jeanne Kelley lives on the outskirts of Los Angeles and raises her own chickens, grows her own herbs, cooks 'from scratch,' and believes in using the freshest and organic (if possible) ingredients. Her introduction includes advice on stocking your pantry as well as the best types of equipment. She offers practical, modern suggestions on items as basic as salt and complex as pomegranate molasses, not to mention appliance pros and cons (do I use a blender or a food processor for the finest puree?).

It is the recipes and photographs themselves that are the stars of this cookbook – YUM! – a cornucopia of colour and taste, delighting the eyes, tempting the taste buds. For summer I suggest her Eggplant and Herb salad with Sumac dressing or the Mexican Fruit 'Gazpacho' Salad. She has an array of pizzas like the Wild Mushroom Pizza with Fontina and Chives. And for dessert, nothing beats her Lime Pie with Blueberry Compote or Bittersweet 'One Pot' Brownies that are guaranteed to excite the most jaded of chocoholics. Every recipe seems to be a winner in this book – I highly recommend checking it out.

Happy Summer!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUMMER CALENDAR

PROGRAMS STARTING JUNE 1:

June to August		Summer Reading Program
Every Monday		Storytime To Go
Every Monday		Walk This Way: A Story Adventure
Every Monday		Summer Scratch Camp
Every Tuesday		Try It Tuesdays Adult Craft
Every Wednesday		Dungeons & Dragons Online Campaign
Every Thursday		Tails and Tales
Every Friday		Aloha Friday
Every Saturday		Riddle Me This
June 5		Community Scavenger Hunt – Summer Sun
June 6	10 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Best Used Book Sale Drive-Thru
June 17	7:00 p.m.	Friends Annual Meeting (ZOOM)
June 26		Community Scavenger Hunt – American Flags
July 17		Community Scavenger Hunt – Teddy Bears

Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library

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

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