

FOUNDED IN 1953

FRIENDS of the Sierra Madre Library

July/August 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the Friends and Partners and Trustees who joined us for the Annual Meeting and to City Librarian **Christine Smart** and City Management Analyst **Sophia Kownatzki** who spoke about the plans to turn the back lot at the Library into a space suitable for use as a meeting space. **Rich Procter**, Library Trustee Chair, spoke to us briefly about his regard for the Friends.

Heartfelt thanks are due to the Committee who planned the evening that brought us together in person. They are **Sharon Murphy, Leslie Ziff, Kris Chase** and **Julie Bencosme**.

Lastly, thanks to the Board and Committee members who worked through this ghastly year. We don't usually single out any individual, but **Martha Troedson** and her Best Used Book Sale Committee, masked up, and sorted and organized many, many boxes and bags of donations. They held the drive-thru book sales, and through their efforts, we had income in the \$14,000 range. No one worked harder this year. At the present time the basement is overflowing with books due to the extraordinary number of donations and the fact that we are unable to hold regular sales. Martha and the Committee have hope that the city will soon give permission.

The meeting was a good ending to a frustrating and anxious year, and while the upcoming year will have challenges, it will hopefully have great rewards. As you may be aware, we will likely have the new Friend's building open by this time next year and ready for book sales. Preparing for this will take quite a bit of work, but we starting preparations now in order that all will proceed smoothly. In addition to planning for the new building, we will be reviewing policies and procedures that help the Board work smoothly and efficiently.

Thank you all for being Friends,

Margaret Quigley

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022

At the Friends annual June meeting, held on June 16 this year at Memorial Park, the nominees for the Friends Board of Directors for 2021-2022 were unanimously approved by members who attended the "Together Again" themed picnic. They are:

- President: Margaret Quigley
- 1st VP, Governance: Julie Bencosme
- 2nd VP, Development: Pete Siberell
- Treasurer: Darlene Traxler
- Recording Secretary: Kris Chase
- Corresponding Secretary: Jane Zamanzadeh

- Art Fair: OPEN
- Membership: Beth Kerns
- Newsletter/Web Site: Sharon Murphy
- Publicity: OPEN
- Trustee Liaison: OPEN
- Volunteer Development: Marcielle Brandler
- Wine and Cuisine Tasting: Leslie Ziff

- Directors at Large
- Valerie Butler
- Teresa Chaure (Partners/Mary Tumilty Fund)
- Prudence Levine
- Jeanne Martin
- Stacy Miller
- Julie Puterbaugh
- Vicky Ryan
- Wendy Senour
- Geri Wright

Director Emeritus: Beth Smith-Kellock

- Non-Directors
- Best Used Book Sale: Martha Troedson
- Facebook: Kari Janzen

****We still need a chair or co-chairs for the Art Fair, Publicity and Trustees Liaison.**

Please let us know if you or someone you know is interested or would like more information. Contact **Julie Bencosme** at 626-202-8502 or julie@julieville.com.

LIBRARY PROGRAMMING TAKING A BREAK IN AUGUST

Library Programming will take a break after the July programs have come to a close. Although other services will be available, we will not have organized activities (except for Third Thursday Book Club and Pajama Storytime) from August 6 through August 31. Please look for our September 2021 calendar to see upcoming fall events.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SIMPLE EMBROIDERY FOR KIDS

On **Tuesday, July 6** and **Tuesday, July 13** at 4:00 p.m. learn how to embroider, in-person, with a plastic needle in a small two-session class. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

SEWING MACHINE BASICS FOR TEENS

On **Wednesday, July 7** OR **Saturday, July 10** at 1:00 p.m. pick a date, grab your sewing machine (or check one out from the Library) and learn how to make a professional-looking pillowcase. This intro to sewing class is on Zoom with Ms. Corrie. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

4TH OF JULY SCAVENGER HUNT

Start at the Library and find your way through town in this special 4th of July Scavenger Hunt that began in June and ends on **Thursday, July 8**. Themed prizes available while supplies last.

FAMILY SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Enjoy six weeks of summer science programs over Zoom with local teacher, Dany Richey. Call 626-355-7186 to register. **** Please note most workshops are currently full.**

July 10 at 11:00 a.m. – Candy Science

July 17 at 11:00 a.m. – Brush Bots

July 24 at 11:00 a.m. – Fish Print Painting

DJ AND MIXING CLASS

On **Monday, July 12 and 19** at 1:00 p.m. OR **Wednesday, July 14 and 21** at 6:00 p.m. make music from home using free-to-use audio and video materials from the Library of Congress, with local music enthusiast, Fred Thomas. Pre-registration for one of two cohorts is required for this Zoom program. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

MINECRAFT CLUB

Are you a Minecraft pro? Or maybe you want to gain more experience like Ms. Leila. Teach Ms. Leila how to play or watch her learn on Twitch on **Monday, July 12** at 4:00 p.m. Call 626-355-7186 to join our Minecraft server and help Ms. Leila build a new world. For School Age children.

MUSIC AND MINDFULNESS

Stop by the Library to experience soothing music to help you find your center after a tumultuous year. Live at the Library!

July 14, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Harpist Emma Rostykus

July 17, 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Pianist Alan Geier

NAVIGATION SCAVENGER HUNT

Beginning **Thursday, July 15** to **Thursday, August 5** start at the Library and navigate your way through town. When you're finished, you'll discover a prize at the Library (while supplies last).

HULA BASICS WITH MS. LEILA

Miss Aloha Friday? Come to the Library on **Thursdays, July 15, 22, 29** and **August 5** at 4:00 p.m. for an in-person hula lesson. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

SIERRA MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE PRESENTS NAVIGATION BASICS

Feeling lost? Reorient yourself with this compass and map reading workshop from Sierra Madre Search and Rescue on Zoom on **Saturday, July 17** at 1:00 p.m. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

ONLINE GAME NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Gaming is not just for kids! Learn about and play some fun online games on **Monday, July 19** at 4:00 p.m. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

SALTY EMBROIDERY

This in-person embroidery class may be a bit improper, but it's a great way for us to connect and learn a new skill. Learn how to embroider in a small, two-part class on **Tuesday, July 20** AND **Tuesday, July 27** at 4:00 p.m. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

FORTNITE GAMENITE

Think you can defeat Ms. Leila in a Fortnite Battle Royale? Hop on Discord and play or watch her moves on Twitch on **Tuesday, July 26** at 4:00 p.m. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

SEWING MACHINE BASICS FOR KIDS

On **Wednesday, July 28** at 1:00 p.m. OR **Saturday, July 31** at 1:00 p.m. make a cute pillowcase in this intro to sewing class on Zoom with Ms. Corrie. Use a sewing machine you have at home or check one out from the Library. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

AMONG US ALL AGES

Calling all imposters! Let's see if you've got what it takes to win. Play a private game of Among Us with up to 10 people on **Monday, August 2** at 4:00 p.m. Join our Discord server to get the private game code. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

IN-PERSON PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT MEMORIAL PARK

We're back with physically distant in-person Storytime on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park. Registration is required; space is limited. Call 626-355-7186 to register and for more information.

WALK THIS WAY STORY ADVENTURE

Stretch your legs at Memorial Park while engaging in some early literacy, with a new picture book featured every week. Books are changed out on Mondays.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

It's time to roll for initiative, see if you take a crit, and hope for a natural 20 in this program led by teen volunteer Dungeon Master, Jady. Whether you are brand new to the Dungeons and Dragons Role-Playing Game or you want to sharpen your RPG skills, this will be a great way to spend the afternoon. Join us every Tuesday in July at 2:00 p.m. and also on **August 3**, for a summer-long campaign. Call 626-355-7186 to register. For School Age children

IN-PERSON BABY RHYME TIME AT MEMORIAL PARK

Don't call it a comeback, because it has been reformatted for physical distancing. Baby Rhyme Time is going to be in-person, not at the Library, but at Memorial Park every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Registration is required; space is limited. Call 626-355-7186 to register and for more information.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

TAILS AND TALES

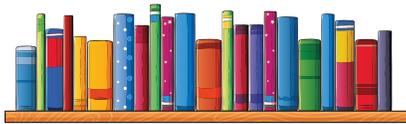
On **Thursday, July 8** at 1:00 p.m. and on the second Thursday of every month, we read to animals. Hop on our social media accounts to hear a story and see which animal we're reading to this month.

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB (ZOOM OR IN-PERSON)

On **Thursday, July 15** at 11:00 a.m. we'll be reading *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and then on **Thursday, August 19** at 11:00 a.m. we'll be reading *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker. Call 626-355-7186 to register and find out if either book club is on Zoom or in-person!

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Tune in on Zoom for a live Bedtime Storytime on **Wednesday, July 28** at 7:00 p.m. AND **Wednesday, August 25** at 7:00 p.m. We'll have a scavenger hunt, show and tell, sing songs, and of course listen to some stories. Call 626-355-7186 to register.



BEST USED BOOK SALE

Thank you to all the Friends for the donations of books, media material, and time to the Book Sale Committee this past year. From our first Drive-Thru sale in June 2020 right up to the recent sale, the Book Sale Committee has been so thankful for your support. It looks like we will finish the year with net sales of about **\$14,300**.

I am so appreciative of volunteers who gave their time and expertise to make the year a success. Special thanks to Anne, Wendy, Jon, Janet, Tania, Joan, Connie and Jeff who do the hard work in the basement each week, and many others who set up, cashier, and clean up at the sales.

We are hopeful that the basement will be open for the **Friday, August 6** from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, August 7** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. sale which will kick off the new fiscal year.

See you then!

Martha Troedson

PROMOTING THE PARTNERS PROGRAM

Summer is in full swing, and the warm weather welcomes back BBQ's, fireworks and a good old-fashioned hometown Fourth-of-July Parade! What a difference a year makes! As our Library continues to offer great programs this summer, we extend our continued gratitude to our Partners for your much needed support! We also extend a heartfelt WELCOME to our newest Partner, Javier Ho! Thank you so much for choosing the Partner's Program - it's because of wonderful neighbors like you that our Library continues to thrive!

Teresa Chaure and **Pete Siberell, 2nd VP Development**, are working as a team to make the community aware of the importance of the Sierra Madre Library and promote the Partners Program.

This program was established in 2009. The Partners support the Library through an annual dues contribution of \$100 for Partners, \$250 for Silver Partners and \$500 for Gold Partners.

An email and flyer piece are being put together to send to all members, asking you to upgrade to the Partners levels and even asking friends, family members and neighbors to be Partners.

Right now, our Partners program is 76 members strong. So, we are hoping the other 200 members of the Friends can become Partners or find someone who can.

We have such a great story to tell – particularly now – about all the wonderful services, programs and materials available to our Library community ... even in an uproar like the pandemic. And we are hopeful our fellow residents will want to make an investment in the precious resource that is our Public Library.

For more information on the Partners Program, go to the Friends website or email **Teresa Chaure** at hawksmom87@yahoo.com.

MARY TUMILTY FUND

Dear Friends:

It was a real pleasure for me to see so many Friends all together again at our June Meeting.

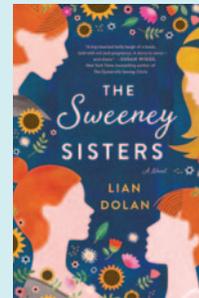
It has been a long year since we have been able to engage in person. I had the opportunity to make a short speech about the Mary Tumilty Fund and hope that you and our new members who did not have the opportunity to know Mary prior to her passing will pick up one of the flyers at our Library outlining her contributions to the life of our very special Library. They are available just inside – to the right – of the main door of the Library.

Thank you ever so much for your past contributions and support and especially to Matthew Gallagher and Wendy Senour for your recent donation. Mary would be very, very pleased.

Most sincerely,

Beth Smith-Kellock

READER'S REVIEW



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

The Sweeney Sisters

by **Lian Dolan**

Many Sierra Madreans love to support our local businesses in town, especially during this past year and a half. I love to support them as well – and I

like to support local authors too. Meet Pasadena's Lian Dolan, one of my favorite authors who is also a columnist for Pasadena Magazine and a Producer of the award-winning podcast called *The Satellite Sisters*. She is one of five sisters and her first book, *Helen of Pasadena*, was a hilarious take on life right here in our midst, using themes like the Rose Parade and local landmarks in her story. She followed this with the equally hilarious, *Elizabeth the First Wife*, set in Ashland, Oregon and the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. Both of these are in our Library and are fun for summer time reading, as is her latest book, *The Sweeney Sisters*, reviewed here.

This is the story of sisters Maggie, Eliza, and Tricia. The three of them enjoyed a happy childhood growing up in a charming seaside village in Connecticut. But when their mother passed away the sisters went their own separate ways. Though they keep in touch as adults, Bill Sweeney, their father, is their one touchstone. He's an internationally famous literary lion universally adored by book lovers, critics and publishers. When he passes away suddenly, the three sisters return to their childhood home and throw an Irish wake to honor a man of his stature. As guests come to pay their respects and reminisce, one stranger has crashed the party. She's had a bit to drink and announces that she is also a Sweeney sister.

Thanks to DNA testing, this fourth sister, named Serena, has learned she has a 50% genetic match with a childhood neighbor. It turns out that her mom had a wee bit of (secret) history with Bill Sweeney. Once the shock wears off, the three sisters have lots of questions: What does this mean for their father's literary legacy? Where is the unfinished memoir he's hidden away, will it shed any light on the subject? And how does this new, fourth sister, fit into their lives?

Lian Dolan is a really good story teller and her tale is heartwarming, witty and insightful – yet fun at the same time.

Happy summer!

CALL #: FIC DOLAN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUMMER CALENDAR

June to August 7	Sierra Madre Super Summer Reading Program	July 17	1:00 P.M.	Sierra Madre Search & Rescue Workshop (Zoom)
Every Monday 9:00 A.M.	In-Person Storytime Memorial Park	July 17	4:00-6:00 P.M.	Music and Mindfulness
Every Monday 10:00 A.M.	In-Person Storytime Memorial Park	July 19	1:00 P.M.	DJ & Mixing Class (Zoom)
Every Monday All Week	Walk This Way Story Adventure	July 19	4:00 P.M.	Online Game Night Adults
Every Tuesday 2:00 P.M.	Dungeons & Dragons	July 20	4:00 P.M.	Salty Embroidery
Every Thursday 9:00 A.M.	In-Person Baby Rhyme Time	July 21	6:00 P.M.	DJ & Mixing Class (Zoom)
July 5	LIBRARY CLOSED JULY 4 TH HOLIDAY	July 21	7:00 P.M.	Friends Board Meeting (Zoom)
July 6 4:00 P.M.	Simple Embroidery Kids	July 22	4:00 P.M.	Hula Basics
July 7 1:00 P.M.	Sewing Machine Basics Teens (Zoom)	July 24	11:00 A.M.	Family Science Workshop – Fish Print Painting (Zoom)
July 8	4 th Of July Scavenger Hunt Ends	July 26	4:00 P.M.	Fortnite Gamenite
July 8 1:00 P.M.	Tails & Tales	July 27	4:00 P.M.	Salty Embroidery
July 10 11:00 A.M.	Family Science Workshop – Candy Science (Zoom)	July 28	1:00 P.M.	Sewing Machine Basics Kids (Zoom)
July 10 1:00 P.M.	Sewing Machine Basics Teens (Zoom)	July 28	4:00 P.M.	Library Trustees Meeting
July 12 1:00 P.M.	DJ & Mixing Class (Zoom)	July 28	7:00 P.M.	Pajama Storytime (Zoom)
July 12 4:00 P.M.	Minecraft Club	July 29	4:00 P.M.	Hula Basics
July 13 4:00 P.M.	Simple Embroidery Kids	July 31	1:00 P.M.	Sewing Machine Basics Kids (Zoom)
July 14 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.	Music and Mindfulness	August 2	4:00 P.M.	Among Us All Ages
July 14 6:00 P.M.	DJ & Mixing Class (Zoom)	August 3	2:00 P.M.	Dungeons & Dragons
July 15 to August 5	Navigation Scavenger Hunt	August 5	4:00 P.M.	Hula Basics
July 15 11:00 A.M.	3 rd Thursday Book Club (Zoom or In-Person)	August 6 to 31	3:00-7:00 P.M.	LIBRARY PROGRAMMING BREAK
July 15 4:00 P.M.	Hula Basics	August 6	10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.	Best Used Book Sale
July 17 11:00 A.M.	Family Science Workshop – Brush Bots (Zoom)	August 7	11:00 A.M.	Best Used Book Sale
		August 19		3 rd Thursday Book Club (Zoom or In-Person)
		August 25	7:00 P.M.	Pajama Storytime (Zoom)

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