



FRIENDS of the Sierra Madre Library

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November 2021

President's Message

Dear Friends and Partners,

There isn't much to report this month, but we were working on changes to the Membership flyer promoting the Friends that we place in the Library, and it brought to mind some things that our Members should know about Friends groups.

How do libraries benefit from Friends groups? They benefit by the expansion of their resources to serve the public. Friends not only provide dollar gifts, but also program support and advocacy.

Every membership increases our voice as Library advocates. Additionally, libraries that seek grants find themselves in a more competitive position if they can show that they receive tangible support from the people who use and benefit from the Library.

We are advocates by default. We are in need of a **Recording Secretary**. The main duty is to record the minutes of our monthly meetings, and type them up for approval at the next board meeting. Also, to keep a notebook with agendas, minutes and other information handed out at the meetings.

We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except for December and August. Currently meetings are a hybrid of in-person at the Hart Park House Senior Center and Zoom.

I hope you and your families have a very wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Margaret Quigley

SILENT AUCTION OF COLLECTIBLE BOOKS

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library announce that the annual Silent Auction of Collectible Books will take place in the Library from **Monday, November 1 to Wednesday, December 1**.

Featured are 16 beautiful and collectible volumes, including some Signed, First and Vintage editions. A description of each can be found on the Friends web site www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org. Bidding sheets and rules will be available in a Friends notebook accessible on the checkout counter.

The books are in the Display Case in the Library's Main Room and you can inspect the books on these **Saturday's — November 6, 13 and 20** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and **Wednesday, December 1** from **6:00-7:00 p.m.** The Auction will be closing at 7:30 p.m. that night. Highest bidder will be the winner, if not present at that time, winners will be notified by telephone and have 10 days to collect the book. All proceeds will be used for Library programs, services and acquisitions.

COLLECTIBLE BOOKS AT THE AUCTION:

THE DEVIL UPON CRUTCHES FROM THE DIABLE BOITEUX OF MR. LESAGE: A NEW TRANSLATION By Alain Rene Le Sage In English; slipcased Vol. 1 and Vol. 2; 1759; London

ROY LICHTENSTEIN By Diane Waldman (Exhibition Edition); 1993; The Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation New York

LOTHAR MEGGENDORFER'S INTERNATIONAL CIRCUS, A REPRODUCTION OF THE ANTIQUE POP-UP BOOK By Lothar Meggendorfer; 1979; Metropolitan Museum of Art

LENI RIEFENSTAHL: FIVE LIVES A biography in pictures By Leni Riefenstahl; 2000; Taschen GmbH; Translation by Steven Lindberg, Pasadena

RICHARD AVEDON PORTRAITS By Maria Morris Hambourg, Mia Fineman, Richard Avedon, Philippe de Montebello; 2002; Harry N. Abrams, Incorporated, New York and The Metropolitan Museum of Art

STANFORD'S MAP OF THE BRITISH METROPOLIS AND SUBURBS: LONDON; By Edward Stanford; 1890

CALIFORNIA LIGHT: A CENTURY OF LANDSCAPES: PAINTINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA ART CLUB By Jean Stern and Molly Siple; 2017; Skira Rizzoli

999 NEW STORIES OF HORROR AND SUSPENSE (SIGNED, FIRST EDITION); 1999; Edited by Al Sarrantonio; Avon, New York

EAST OF EDEN By John Steinbeck; 1952; Viking Press

"OUR LIVING WORLD" A NATURAL HISTORY (Three Volume Set); By the Reverend J. Wood; 1885

WITH KENNEDY By Pierre Salinger (SIGNED, LIMITED EDITION); 1966; Doubleday & Company, Inc.

DEFOE'S JOURNAL: A JOURNAL OF THE PLAGUE YEAR; OR, MEMORIALS OF THE GREAT PESTILENCE IN LONDON IN 1665 (A New Edition); By Daniel Defoe; Historical notes by Eduard Wedlake Brayley; 1835; Thomas Tegg and Son

TURNING PAGES: MY LIFE STORY By Sonia Sotomayor (SIGNED); 2018; Penguin

ELOISE By Kay Thompson, (SIGNED) by illustrator Hilary Knight; 1983; Simon & Schuster Books

SONG OF THE SWALLOWS Written and illustrated By Leo Politi (SIGNED); 1948; MacMillan

POP UP MICKEY MOUSE and POP UP MINNIE MOUSE; Story and illustrations by the staff of the Walt Disney Studios; 1993 reprint of the original

SUMMER READING WRAP UP

This past summer was a delightful mix of ingenuity and creativity that drove our Library to provide fun and educational opportunities for our community. We had a total of 95 programs in June and July, 39 were virtual and 56 were in-person, some programs were even offered outside. This meant roughly 40 percent of this summer's programming was virtual and in total there were 1,412 participants for all programming.

Additionally, we had 2 community scavenger hunts over the summer, which saw a total of 141 participants. Our Summer Reading Program was back in full force this year with 424 people eager to read this summer.

In addition to reading, we asked the community to support local businesses, nonprofits, events, and parks with our Operation Support Sierra Madre Local and 106 participants did just that.

Finally, the Library cannot express how much we appreciate the continued support and engagement from our community. Thank you for a wonderful summer.

SPECIAL EVENTS

IN-N-OUT BURGER'S COVER TO COVER READING PROGRAM

Who loves In-N-Out Burgers? Do you also love books? In-N-Out's Cover to Cover Club program is back for Kids, ages 4-12 years old. Stop by the Library to pick up your reading log. Earn up to three free burgers, cheeseburgers, or grilled cheese sandwiches. **Ends on Saturday, November 13.**

COMMUNITY OFRENDA

The Library is excited to organize our second Community Ofrenda, or altar, to celebrate Día de los Muertos. What is an ofrenda, you ask? Think of it as a vibrant and creative memorial to all our loved ones who have passed away. Contribute to our ofrenda with images, artwork, or reminders of loved ones no longer with us. The ofrenda will be available in front of the Library through November 13.

MINECRAFT MONDAYS: CREATIVE

Let's build together in Minecraft on a private server at the Library or on Zoom on **Monday, November 1, 15 and 29** at 4:00 p.m. Every other Monday for Kids, ages 8 and under, we'll play Creative. Call 626-355-7186 to register or for more information.

CRAFT IT: YARN PINECONES

Our monthly Craft It program is back at the Library. On **Saturday, November 6** at 11:00 a.m. we're making our own festive pinecone decorations. No registration required.

MINECRAFT MONDAYS: SURVIVAL

Let's adventure together in Minecraft on a private server at the Library or on Zoom on **Monday, November 8** and **Monday, November 22** at 4:00 p.m. Every other Monday for Kids, ages 9 and up, we'll play Survival. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register or for more information.

SEWING MACHINE BASICS

Learn sewing basics with the Library's sewing machine on **Tuesday, November 9** at 4:00 p.m. AND at 5:00 p.m. In-person, at the Library. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

ASTRONOMY IN THE PARK

On **Wednesday, November 10** at 6:00 p.m. join us at Memorial Park for an up-close view of the Moon, Saturn, Jupiter, and Venus! Old Town Sidewalk Astronomers will set up shop in Memorial Park on the sidewalk along Hermosa Avenue between the covered picnic area and the playground. Learn about what populates our skies around this time of year. No registration required. Fun for all ages.

3D PRINTING BASICS

On **Saturday, November 13** at 11:00 a.m. learn how we do our in-Library 3D prints in this beginner workshop. In-person, at the Library. No registration required.

HOW WILL UC CAMPUSES EVALUATE MY KID'S ACADEMICS?

Parents: You've heard that admission to UC campuses is getting tougher, but what exactly are they looking at? Robert Powers, college counselor at College Torch (in Sierra Madre), unpacks the UC GPA, rigor of coursework, and UC testing requirements on **Wednesday, November 17** at 6:00 p.m. Bring all your questions about UC admissions, as the last portion of the seminar will be reserved for your questions. Live on Zoom. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register.

THANKFUL WINGS

From **Monday, November 15** – **Monday, January 3** stop by the Library and write or decorate a feather expressing what you are thankful for this Holiday season. We will add it to our Thankful Wings window display. Don't forget to pose with our wings, inside or outside.

MUSIC AND MINDFULNESS: GUITARIST ALMER IMAMOVIC

Take a relaxing break at the Library by stopping in for some classical guitar music to soothe the soul. Guitarist Almer Imamovic, from Sierra Madre Music, will be playing music on **Thursday, November 18** from 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. No registration required.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT MEMORIAL PARK

Preschool Storytime is at Memorial Park on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Kids, ages 3-5, can engage with stories, songs, and more – all outdoors. Call the Library at 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 every Monday.

BABY RHYME TIME AT MEMORIAL PARK

Join us at Memorial Park on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Baby Rhyme Time is for families with little ones from Birth to Age 2. Children will engage with songs, stories, and more – all outdoors. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register and for more information.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

BOARD LIBRARY TEENS

Do you want to have a say in what the Library does this year? Do you want to serve your community in a fun and inspirational way? Then join the Board Library Teens on **Wednesday, November 3** at 4:00 p.m. and volunteer for service hours. This month you'll be helping the Library prep for a large upcoming program.

TEEN SNACKCHAT

Snackchat is back and in-person on **Wednesday, November 10** at 4:00 p.m. and on the second Wednesday of the month at the Library. Teens can join this book club—which focuses on snacks—anytime throughout the school year. We'll be discussing Neil Gaiman's, The Graveyard Book and you'll get a free copy of our November book, Be More Chill by Ned Vizzini.

TEEN STEAM: NAILED IT!

On **Wednesday, November 17** at 4:00 p.m. see if you can master a cookie decorating challenge! Present to our judges to see if you nailed it or failed it. No registration required.

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Tune in on Zoom for a live Bedtime Storytime on **Wednesday, November 17** at 7:00 p.m. We'll have a scavenger hunt, show and tell, sing songs, and of course listen to some stories. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register.

ZOOM THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

On **Thursday, November 18** at 11:00 a.m. the Third Thursday Book Club is staying on Zoom for the month of November but you can join in on discussing Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register.

BEST USED BOOK SALE

The Book Sale Committee has chosen some wonderful collectible books for our annual **Silent Auction**. Check the list elsewhere in this newsletter and note the wide variety of genres and formats we will have on display in the Main Reading Room of the Library from **Monday, November 1 until Wednesday, December 1**. You can inspect these books closely by coming to the Library on **Saturdays (November 6, November 13, and November 20)** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and on **Wednesday, December 1** from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Bids may be written in the bid book on the counter in the Library until **7:30 p.m. on that day**. Further details may be found on our website www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org. Many thanks to Barbara Bellano and Wendy Senour for taking charge of this auction.

We are happy to report that the October Book Sale was another great success. We earned \$1,800.03 from the two days. Added to the presales of \$2,440.60 since the August sale, our grand total for the two months is **\$4,243.70!**

Construction should start this month on the basement and we have our fingers crossed that the **December sale** will proceed as planned on **Friday, December 3**, and **Saturday, December 4**.

See you there!

PARTNERS PROGRAM

And just that quick, Halloween is in the past, November is here and with the blink of an eye, the Holiday season will be upon us! Our Library continues going strong, offering so much to our community, and it is all because of you! Our heartfelt gratitude to Susan Gallagher, Sierra Madre Civic Club and Beth Smith-Kellock & Ross Kellock for renewing your Partner's membership! The Library thrives because of your generosity and support of all our members and Partners. We couldn't do it without you!!

MARY TUMILTY FUND

We extend many thanks to Ellen O'Leary for your recent donation – and – Happy Thanksgiving to all of you who have supported Mary's Fund during the past year – she would be so appreciative to be remembered by those of you who have supported her love of our Library. We have been the fortunate recipients of the many changes and additions she made to our Library during her tenure as Head Librarian and you may be sure that she would be very proud of the growth and current changes made since her passing in 2010 – and – the success of many special Mary Tumilty Fund programs that our Library offers to the public.

GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

In acknowledging donations to the General Fund, we always tell donors that there are always books, technology, and other resource items that need to be replenished or purchased and outreach programs to fund so all donations are put to good use. The 2021 **Sierra Madre Super Summer** programs are a good example of exactly how monies in the General Fund are used. In June and July the Library offered 95 programs, 56 in-person and 39 virtual, in which 1,412 people took part. There were 2 scavenger hunts that 141 people enjoyed and Operation Support Sierra Madre Local had 106 participants. These special programs were in addition to the Summer Reading Program which had 424 people reading books for prizes!

We'd like to thank Sharon Marsh for her donation to the General Fund this month. If you would like to donate to this fund, make out a check to the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, write "General Fund" in the memo line, and mail your check to the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, PO Box 334, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. Your donation is tax-exempt and our gratitude is genuine.

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE

The Library Display Case for the month of November will feature the **16 books up** for bid at the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's annual **Silent Auction of Collectible Books**.

READER'S REVIEW



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

Van Halen Rising
How a Southern California Backyard Party Band Saved Heavy Metal

By **Greg Renoff**

Last month was an unveiling of a plaque commemorating Eddie Van Halen at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium where he and his band performed in the 1970s. In attendance at this private event were Pasadena Mayor, Victor Gordo, and other council members from Pasadena as well as the media and me. Sadly, our local 'star' Eddie passed away in October of 2020 from cancer. This made the event all the more poignant and memories of yesteryear flooded back to me. In early October of 2015, several of us from Pasadena High School class of 1973 enjoyed what would be his last concert – and a few days later we went to Vroman's bookstore for a book signing. This book is a fun read for us since it was about the history of our local band.

At Vroman's that evening, it was a standing room only crowd of my contemporaries, many of them Pasadena High School classmates. Greg Renoff, with legendary rock and roll producer Ted Templeman, told stories that many in the audience were familiar with: How a Pasadena 'garage' band rose to stardom. Eddie and Alex Van Halen were my classmates, and the flamboyant, but brilliant, comedian and frontman: David Lee Roth, attended Pasadena City College with us in the early 70's. Whether you are a fan of Van Halen's music or not, there is no doubt that Eddie became and still is considered one of the greatest rock guitar players of all time. After all, the Smithsonian produced a series of programs called: "What it Means to be an American" and Eddie's interview with them can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZ4kbqXTuSU>

Though not a 'heavy metal' fan myself, I AM a fan of the author of *Van Halen Rising*. Greg Renoff, as a Professor with his PhD in history, interviewed hundreds of people from the San Gabriel Valley, including many Sierra Madre residents. He painstakingly chronicled the history of Van Halen's humble beginnings before their meteoric rise to fame and platinum record sales. The Van Halen family story epitomizes the American dream: In the 1960s they sailed across the Atlantic from Holland, with \$50 and a piano, eventually settling in Pasadena. The rags to riches tale, the music lessons, the raucous high school parties; later playing in seedy clubs of Hollywood before being 'discovered,' all make for a fascinating read of the history of the boys in the band from our own backyard.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

EVERY MONDAY	9:00 A.M.	IN-PERSON STORYTIME MEMORIAL PARK	NOVEMBER 13		COMMUNITY OFRENDA ENDS
EVERY MONDAY	10:00 A.M.	IN-PERSON STORYTIME MEMORIAL PARK	NOVEMBER 13	11:00 A.M.	3D PRINTING BASICS
EVERY MONDAY	ALL WEEK	WALK THIS WAY STORY ADVENTURE	NOVEMBER 15 TO	JANUARY 3	THANKFUL WINGS
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NOVEMBER 6	11:00 A.M.	CRAFT IT: YARN PINECONES	NOVEMBER 17	7:00 P.M.	PAJAMA STORYTIME
NOVEMBER 8	4:00 P.M.	MINECRAFT: SURVIVAL	NOVEMBER 18	11:00 A.M.	ZOOM 3 RD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB
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NOVEMBER 9	5:00 P.M.	SEWING MACHINE BASICS	NOVEMBER 22	4:00 P.M.	MINECRAFT: SURVIVAL
NOVEMBER 10	4:00 P.M.	TEEN SNACKCHAT	NOVEMBER 25 TO	28	LIBRARY CLOSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
NOVEMBER 10	6:00 P.M.	ASTRONOMY IN THE PARK	NOVEMBER 29	4:00 P.M.	MINECRAFT: CREATIVE
NOVEMBER 11		LIBRARY CLOSED	NOVEMBER 29	5:00 P.M.	LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 11		VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY			
NOVEMBER 13		IN-N-OUT BURGER READING PROGRAM ENDS			

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