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**FRIENDS**  
of the Sierra Madre  
Library

December 2022

### President's Message

Dear Friends and Partners,

I would like to start off my message by wishing all of you a very Happy Holidays. As we begin our last month of our calendar year, I am sitting here with a very big smile reflecting on what a blessed year the Library has had!

To wish our community "Happy Holidays" in person we will be doing a **Snowflake Community Gathering Event** at the Hart Park House on **Saturday, December 3** from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. There will be fun for the whole family including food, drinks, crafts, prizes, cookie decorating and many other fun activities. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

One of the many wonderful things that happened the past few years is a very large increase in Friends and Partners. At our last Friends Board Meeting we discussed this and will be updating our Friends and Partners Poster with names in the Library. That should be completed soon, so come by the Library, check out a book, and see your name on the poster. You are very much appreciated, and this is a small token showing you how important you are to the Library Community.

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer for Friends or any of our events, please reach out to me at 626-202-8502.

**Julie Bencosme**

# SnowFlake COMMUNITY GATHERING

**Family · Fun · Food · Crafts · Prizes**

**Hart Park House**

**December 3, 2022 • 5:30-8:00 PM**

Sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, this event will feature light appetizers, wine, holiday treats, music and prizes. For the children there will be face painting, cookie decorating, photo opportunities and a special appearance by the Snowflake Princess!

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children

(children under 5 are free)

Tickets can also be bought the night of the event.



## SPECIAL EVENTS NORTH POLAROID

We might not be seeing snow in Sierra Madre, but that doesn't mean we can't have some winter fun. Stop by the Library from **Thursday, December 1 to Thursday, December 22** and snap a "North Polaroid" photo of your family, friends, or yourself posing with adorable winter props. Photos can be sent digitally to the email of your choice. No registration required.



## CRICUT WORKSHOP

Learn to use the Cricut with a Library staff member on **Saturday, December 3** at 11:00 a.m. No registration required.

## WALK THIS WAY STORY ADVENTURE

Stretch your legs at Memorial Park while engaging in some early literacy, with a new picture book featured every other week. Beginning on **Monday, December 5** is *Nobody Hugs a Cactus* by Carter Goodrich and beginning on **Monday, December 19** is *The Gift of Nothing* by Patrick McDonnell. These titles are sponsored by The Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library.

## SEWING MACHINE BASICS

Learn sewing basics with the Library's sewing machine on **Monday, December 5** at 2:00 p.m. OR 4:00 p.m. In-person, at the Library. Limited spaces available. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

## CRAFT IT!: TERRACOTTA POT DECORATING

Create a winter themed terracotta pot on **Saturday, December 10** at 11:00 a.m. All materials provided, while supplies last.

## DIGITAL SERVICES MEET AND GREET

On **Saturday, December 10** from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. learn all about our free digital services available with your library card. Not only do we have Libby for eBooks and audiobooks, but you can take online courses, help build your resume, and engage in LinkedIn career training all for free with your library card. Drop in and learn how to navigate these services and more!

## MUSIC AND MINDFULNESS: PIANIST ALAN GEIER

Take a relaxing break and stop in for some calming music to soothe the soul with pianist Alan Geier on **Saturday, December 10** from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. No registration required.

## 3D PRINTING BASICS

On **Saturday, December 17** 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.

## GINGERBREAD JAMBOREE

On **Thursday, December 22** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. the Gingerbread Jamboree returns as an in-person event this year! "Run, run as fast as you can" to the Library to build your



very own Gingerbread House. We can't wait to see how you build your own confectionery dream home. All materials will be provided while supplies last. No registration required.

Thank you to Poppy Cake Baking Company for donating the enormous amount of icing that will be used to hold these delicious creations together!

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT MEMORIAL PARK

Preschool Storytime is at Memorial Park every Monday in December at 10:00 a.m. (no Preschool Storytime on December 26). 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.

### BABY RHYME TIME AT MEMORIAL PARK

Join us at Memorial Park for Baby Rhyme Time every Thursday in December at 9:00 a.m. (no Baby Rhyme Time on December 29). It's 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

Calling all teens! On **Wednesday, December 7** at 4:00 p.m. help the Library plan appropriate teen events while serving your community. Join the Board Library Teens and volunteer for service hours the first Wednesday of every month during the school year.

### TAILS AND TALES

On **Thursday, December 8** from 3:30–4:30 p.m. school age children will get the chance to improve their reading skills by reading a book to a therapy dog in the Library. Special thanks to Love on a Leash and Pet Partners for sharing their animals with us.

### TEEN SNACKCHAT

Are you a teen who loves to chat about books and eat snacks? Then come to the Library for Snackchat on **Wednesday, December 14** at 4:00 p.m. We'll be discussing *Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi and handing out copies of our next book.

### ZOOM THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

On **Thursday, December 15** at 11:00 a.m. we are discussing *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See on Zoom. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register.

### ANIME AFTERNOON

On **Wednesday, December 21** at 4:00 p.m. teens and tweens, watch an anime series together. You'll even get a free first volume of the manga and of course there will be snacks. For Ages 12 years old and up. No registration required.

### PAJAMA STORYTIME

Tune in on Zoom for a live Bedtime Storytime on **Wednesday, December 21** 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.

## BEST USED BOOK SALE

The Friends announce that the December Book Sale will be held on **Friday, December 2** from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, December 3** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. behind the Library at 440 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. Featured in the basement will be a number of Holiday books and new gifts. We have wonderful "coffee-table" books on Art, Cooking, History and Contemporary Culture, all perfect for gift-giving as well. Look for newer Fiction and Non-Fiction best-sellers and many classic Children's books on our shelves. Access to the basement will be limited at times so come early for the best selection.

The parking lot will have our popular Bargain Books, priced at only \$1.00 each. Our collection of CDs and DVDs are also priced at \$1.00 and up; Audio Books are \$2.00. Children's and Teen titles range from 50 cents – \$1.00 and small paperbacks are 25 cents or 5/\$1.00.

New at the sale this time will be \$1.00 and \$5.00 Gift Certificates which may be used at a future Book Sale or on the cart in the Main Room of the Library. And don't forget our **\$5.00 BAG SALE ON SATURDAY** on the parking lot! See you at the Book Sale!

## PARTNER'S PROGRAM

Season's Greetings! The joyous season of the holidays is upon us, and what a truly glorious time of the year it is! As all the festive decorations appear, including Santa checking his list not once, but twice, we look forward to a season spent with good friends and loving family again! Thank you to all who have donated to the Partners this year! Your support goes a long way to help our Library throughout the year, and please know it is greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to Christine Gladish, Rob & Wendy Stockly and Deborah Ross for renewing your membership and commitment to the Partners. We also welcome Patrick Simcock and Bob & Sue Spears to the Partners family! Every little inch of growth means we can offer even more programs to our community - so thank you for making the Partners your choice for giving! Happy Holidays to all!!

## MARY TUMILTY FUND

As we approach the season of giving, please consider supporting the Mary Tumilty Fund. As you may know, Mary was the long-time Librarian that many remember as good, kind and generous both with her time and resources to our Library. Mary established the Fund to help with projects not covered with either Membership or Partners funds. It was Mary's Fund that played a huge part in the Children's Library so many years ago. The fund is still working to gather funds needed and will be instrumental in added assistance with the new renovations coming up. A huge thank you to Connie Luder for your recent donation! We appreciate you remembering Mary by adding to her Fund!

## GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

We'd like to thank Dr. William Patzert for his donation to the General Fund. 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 will be used by our Library to purchase books, software, and other resource items and to fund outreach programs so the money will be put to good use. In addition to a donation to our General Fund, we received a donation of 300 shopping bags from Trader Joe's. Our Best Used Book Sales are a major fundraiser for the Friends. During the last hour of the sales shoppers have the opportunity to fill a shopping bag with paperbacks for the price of \$5.00 and we are always in need of shopping bags so the donation was very welcome. Thank you Trader Joe's!

## LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE

The Library's display case for December will feature staff selected book titles published in the last 3 years for your winter reading enjoyment.

## LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

The Library will be closed **Friday, December 23** thru **Monday, January 2**. We will reopen for services **Tuesday, January 3** at 11:00 a.m.

## READER'S REVIEW



This month's review is  
by Catherine Addé

### The Snowman – DVD and CD – from the book by Raymond Briggs

The review this time is not a book, rather two movies on DVD along with a CD. This is to remind our Friends of the Library that the Sierra Madre Public Library has all types of items to loan: playaways, downloadable books on Overdrive, CDs and DVDs for your listening pleasure.

I'm so thrilled to 'plug' our Library as the fourth quarter of the year arrived with the welcome news of our ten million dollar grant from the state of California via Assemblyman Chris Holden's office. Thanks to our Mayor Gene Goss and city council, thanks to the Friends, particularly Margaret Quigley, and to the great staff at our Library as well. I must add that the Trustees letter penned by Rich Procter combined with us speaking up at city council meetings helped in this effort enormously. I speak for all Trustees that we're very proud to serve on this board as we move forward with the library's expansion and remodel.

Since winter and holiday season approaches, I thought you may like to listen to (as we do in this household) the remarkable music featured in the children's 1972 British hit cartoon called 'The Snowman.' Particularly haunting is the theme song from this movie classic called: "Walking in the Air" music and lyrics by Howard Blake. If you've not heard this song before - please do check this CD and/or log on to YouTube and look up Welsh child singer, Aled Jones, who sang this back in the day. It became a huge hit in the U.K., one of the most requested Christmastime songs. Remarkably, as an adult, he sang the song again on a television morning show, along with his younger version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=engSQve1CKU>

From The Snowman's original British movie:

"One crisp, winter morning, a young boy wakes up to find a thick blanket of snow has covered the ground as far as the eye can see. Filled with excitement, the boy decides to build a snowman using a tangerine for his nose, coal for his buttons and eyes, and tops him off with a hat and scarf. Later that night, at the stroke of midnight, the snowman comes to life! The young boy and the snowman embark on a magical adventure of discovery where the snowman explores the young boy's world and, in return, he takes him flying to his home in the North Pole. Upon arriving at the North Pole, the two join a party as the guests of honor to a very special person. Based on Raymond Briggs book, *The Snowman*, is a family classic for generations to enjoy."

If you are a parent or grandparent or caretaker of small children, I recommend showing them the original classic, *The Snowman*, first – and the *Snowman* and *Snowdog*, produced decades later as a sequel, next. Its simplicity is refreshing, the story heartwarming and the soundtrack is dreamy. Happy wintertime everyone!

**CALL # STATUS: AUDIOVISUAL SHELF/BOOK  
AVAILABLE IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## DECEMBER CALENDAR

EVERY MONDAY	10:00 A.M.	IN-PERSON STORYTIME	DECEMBER 8	3:30 P.M.	TAILS & TALES
		MEMORIAL PARK IN-PERSON BABY	DECEMBER 10	11:00 A.M.	CRAFT IT!: TERRACOTTA
EVERY THURSDAY	9:00 A.M.	RHYME TIME MEMORIAL PARK	DECEMBER 10	12 NOON	POT DECORATING
DECEMBER 1-22	NORTH POLAROID PHOTO OPPORTUNITY		DECEMBER 10	1:00-3:00 P.M.	DIGITAL SERVICES MEET & GREET
DECEMBER 2	3:00-7:00 P.M.	BEST USED BOOK SALE	DECEMBER 14	4:00 P.M.	MUSIC AND MINDFULNESS
DECEMBER 3	10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.	BEST USED BOOK SALE	DECEMBER 15	11:00 A.M.	TEEN SNACKCHAT
DECEMBER 3			DECEMBER 16	6:00 P.M.	ZOOM 3 <sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY
DECEMBER 3	11:00 A.M.	CRICUT WORKSHOP	DECEMBER 17	11:00 A.M.	BOOK CLUB
DECEMBER 3	5:30-8:00 P.M.	FRIENDS SNOWFLAKE COMMUNITY GATHERING	DECEMBER 21	ALL WEEK	FRIENDS BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 5	2:00 P.M.	SEWING MACHINE BASICS	DECEMBER 21	4:00 P.M.	3D PRINTING BASICS
DECEMBER 5	4:00 P.M.	SEWING MACHINE BASICS	DECEMBER 21	7:00 P.M.	WALK THIS WAY STORY ADVENTURE
DECEMBER 7	ALL WEEK	WALK THIS WAY STORY ADVENTURE	DECEMBER 22	2:00-4:00 P.M.	ANIME AFTERNOON
DECEMBER 7	4:00 P.M.	BOARD LIBRARY TEENS	DECEMBER 23 TO JANUARY 2		PAJAMA STORYTIME
			DECEMBER 26	5:00 P.M.	GINGERBREAD JAMBOREE
					LIBRARY CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
					NO LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING
					HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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