



# FRIENDS of the Sierra Madre Library

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May 2023

## President's Message

Dear Friends and Partners,

The Friends of Sierra Madre Library hosted a Partner Appreciation Event at the Library to recognize the valuable contributions made by their Partners. The event, held on Friday, April 28, announced TSK Architects, the firm tasked with handling the library's renovations. A special thanks to **Pete Sibereil, Jeanne Martin, Leslie Ziff, and Margaret Quigley** for organizing the successful event.

If you know someone who would like to be a Partner and be a part of these wonderful events, reach out to me, or visit our website [sierramadrelibraryfriends.org](http://sierramadrelibraryfriends.org). We have also created this very handy [QR code below](#). This link will take you directly to the site to join our Partners Program.

The winners of the **Annual Bookmark Contest** were announced on Wednesday, April 26. There were several submissions and a winner from each grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>. It was so nice to see so many young members of the community with their smiling faces and the beautiful art they submitted.

The Friends of the **Sierra Madre Art Fair** is back!!! It will be held at Memorial Park on **May 6 and 7**. I have absolutely missed this Sierra Madre tradition and I am so excited that it is back! The featured artist for this year's event will be **Suzanne Kustner**. When Suzanne is not busy creating beautiful designs, she is teaching classes at Sierra Madre Creative Arts Group. The Friends thank you for your patience and we are anxiously waiting to see your work on display. There will be other art from very talented artists, children's craft activity, a face painter, silent auction, music and a variety of food.

It gives me so much joy to be a part of this very awesome group! 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

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## 58TH ANNUAL SIERRA MADRE ART FAIR

The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair, sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, will be held in Memorial Park, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd., on **Saturday, May 6**, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and **Sunday, May 7**, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sixty (60) artists, including 20 newly juried, will display and sell their works of art. Mediums include oil paintings, jewelry, watercolors, glass, wood, metal, wearable art, photography, pottery, ceramics, mixed media, sculpture and weaving. The Art Fair will be the perfect place to buy Mom that wonderful Mother's Day gift or to buy upcoming graduation and wedding gifts, as well as to purchase pieces for your own enjoyment.



The Featured Artist this year is **Suzanne Kustner**. Her enamels, including jewelry, bowls and pins, will appear on all posters, post cards, flyers, and other promotional materials.

Live **Music** will be featured throughout the weekend in the band shell. In the **Band Shell** on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Steve Trovato and Tim Kobza – guitars and vocals; and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Evan Marshall – mandolin. On Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Rex Perry – keyboard and vocals; and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Rick Shea Band – guitar, vocals, accordion.

**Food vendors** will offer a variety of food and drinks. Scheduled to participate are The Tropic Truck and The Ice Princess. A new food booth this year is Beyond the Olive (from Pasadena) specializing in olive oils, vinegars, dips, sauces and nuts. If you are a **Member or Partner** stop by the 'Welcome Members and Partners Booth' in the morning for a free coffee and a pastry – our way of saying thank you for your support!

For the children, instructors from the **Creative Arts Group** have planned a special craft activity – learn how to make yarn spinners, using markers or colored pencils add colors to illustrate the pre-cut circular disk on both sides then add colored yarn. Be sure to visit our very creative **Face Painter**

located in the Southeast section of the park next to CAG.

Again, this year we will feature a **Silent Auction**. To date, 26 artists have donated lovely, one-of-a-kind pieces for the auction, which means you'll have an opportunity to bid on some really beautiful artwork and also support the Library.

**All Proceeds** from the Art Fair benefit the Sierra Madre Public Library. For more information visit our website [www.sierramadreatfair.org](http://www.sierramadreatfair.org) or call 626-355-7186.

We are also on Facebook and Instagram. Please Like/Follow us!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### WALK THIS WAY STORY ADVENTURE

Stretch your legs at Memorial Park while engaging in some early literacy, with a new picture book *featured each month*. Beginning on **Monday, May 1** you can read *The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story* by Tina Cho. This title is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library.

### ORIGAMI ALOHA SHIRT

From **Monday, May 1 to Saturday, May 31** you are invited to fold your very own origami aloha shirt when you visit the Library. Work on it as much or as little as you like during your visit to the Library. Origami paper and instructions will be provided.

### MISSION: RENAISSANCE ART WORKSHOP

During a one-hour lesson on **Monday, May 1** at 3:30 p.m. Mission: Renaissance will be teaching fundamental drawing skills with charcoal pencil and painting skills using dry pastel pigment. For Age 5-12 years old. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register or for more information.

### INTERACTIVE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

On **Thursday, May 4** at 6:00 p.m. brings you New Hope with this fun and lively interactive movie experience! Costumes encouraged but not required. Mini lightsabers provided. No registration required.

### LEARN ABOUT UPCOMING LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

The Library building is receiving some much needed renovations thanks to over 10 million in state and federal grants. On **Saturday, May 6** from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Sierra Madre City Hall meet the architect firm, TKS Architects, selected for the Sierra Madre Public Library Meaningful Improvement Renovations. Provide comments, feedback and learn all about TKS.

### MUSIC AND MINDFULNESS: KOTO PLAYER KOZUE MATSUMOTO

Take a relaxing break and stop in for some calming music to soothe the soul with Koto player Kozue Matsumoto on **Saturday, May 6** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. No registration required.

### BAILEY CANYON NATURE WALK

On **Monday, May 8** from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. meet us at Bailey Canyon for an evening guided nature walk with the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council. Space is limited. Registration required. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register.

### CRAFT IT!: SPRING HATS

On **Saturday, May 13** at 11:00 a.m. be sun smart and decorate your very own Spring Hat perfect for shielding you from those strong sun rays. All material provided, while supplies last.

### 3D PRINTING BASICS

Learn how we do our in-Library 3D prints in this beginner workshop on **Saturday, May 13** at 12:00 p.m. In-person, at the Library. No registration required.

### CRICUT WORKSHOP

Learn to use the Cricut with a Library staff member on **Thursday, May 18** at 4:00 p.m. No registration required.

### LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

California is rich in diversity of people and land. The golden state is home to more plants and wildlife than any other state and nearly 40 million people. As more people live and recreate in or near wildlife habitat, encounters with wildlife are likely.

It's possible to share space and safely coexist with native species. Enjoy and celebrate wildlife with respect and understanding on **Saturday, May 20** from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. Presented by Mackenzie Rich, Human-Wildlife Conflict Specialist for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. No registration required.

### PIXELATED ART

On **Monday, May 22** at 3:30 p.m. school-age kids can get creative with perler/fuse beads and create their own pixelated art. No registration required.

### 1-2-3D PRINTING WORKSHOP

On **Tuesday, May 23** at 6:00 p.m. learn the skills needed to independently use the Library's 3D printer. Limited spaces available. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

## SEWING MACHINE BASICS

Learn sewing basics with the Library's sewing machine on **Wednesday, May 24** at 2:00 p.m. OR **Saturday, May 27** at 10:00 a.m. In-person, at the Library. Limited spaces available. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

## TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

TEENS, we need your help! Whether you're earning service hours, or just want to give back to your community, volunteer at the Sierra Madre Library this summer. Interested? Join us for an upcoming orientation:

**Wednesday, May 24** at 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 3** at 4:00 p.m.

If you're a High School student and ready for more responsibility, think about becoming a Summer Reading Buddy! Please contact the Library at 626-355-7186 for an application or for more information.

## DIGITAL SERVICES MEET AND GREET

On **Saturday, May 27** from 12:00 – 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, and Kanopy for streaming movies, TV Shows, and documentaries, but also you can take online courses, help build your resume, and engage in LinkedIn career training all free with your library card. Drop in and learn how to navigate these services and more!

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### BABY RHYME TIME AT SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us at the Sierra Madre Public Library for Baby Rhyme Time on **Mondays 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. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 for more information. No registration required.

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Preschool Storytime happens in the Children's Room at the Sierra Madre Public Library on **Mondays at 10:00 a.m.** Kids, Ages 3-5, can engage with stories, songs, and more. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 for more information. No registration required.

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

### BOARD LIBRARY TEENS

Calling all teens! Help the Library plan appropriate teen events while serving your community. Join the Library Teens and volunteer for service hours on **Wednesday, May 3** at 4:00 p.m. and the *first Wednesday of every month* during the school year.

### TEEN SNACKCHAT

Are you a teen who loves to chat about books and eat snacks? Then come to the Library for Snackchat. On **Wednesday, May, 10** at 4:00 p.m. we'll be discussing *Divergent* by Veronica Roth and handing out copies of our next book.

### TAILS AND TALES

On **Thursday, May 11** 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 for sharing their animals with us.

### ANIME AFTERNOON

Teens and tweens, watch an anime series together on **Wednesday, May 17** at 4:00 p.m. 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, May 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, May 18** at 11:00 a.m. the book we are discussing on Zoom is *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WRAP UP

Thank you to everyone who participated in celebrating National Library Week with us. We had some wonderful programs, Open House demonstrations, our Bookmark Contest Awards Ceremony (congratulations to all our winners), and a *Shelfie* booth! The June newsletter will have more details on the Bookmark Contest winners and pictures as well.

## BEST USED BOOK SALE

The April Used Book Sale earned \$2,461.60. Together with our presales of \$1,610.48, we have earned **\$4,072.08** since the February sale. It seems that we have more shoppers each time and the \$5.00 Bag Sale on Saturday is so popular that we have people coming both days for bargains. No leftovers from the previous book sale are saved so it's all "new" merchandise! Leftovers from the book sale are donated or sold to a wholesaler for recycling.

The next regular book sale is **June 2 and 3**. Books will also be for sale at the **Friends Art Fair**; we will have a special collection of children's art books as well as books for adults.

Thanks for helping to keep the **Free Bench** neat and clean behind the Library. Don't forget to save those 14" brown grocery bags, they may be dropped off in the stairwell. And especially, thanks for the wonderful book donations!

## PARTNERS PROGRAM

Partners donations provide funds for youth and adult programs and for special projects the Library staff undertakes. These funds help to make our Library be the best it can be in providing resources and programs that positively impact its many patrons. We are very grateful to the Partners who have renewed in April: Carol Cerrina, Maggie Ellis, the Henderson Family, the Lencioni Family, the Martinetti Family, Sharon Marsh and Carole Tremblay & Larry Torres. And we welcome our newest Partner, Judie Cimino.

Membership in the Partners is at three levels depending upon your annual donation. The **Partners Level** is for those contributing \$100 each year; at the **Silver Level** for those contributing \$250 each year; and at the **Gold Level** for those who contribute \$500 or more annually. If you would like to become a Partner, please mail your donation to Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, Partners Program, P.O. Box 334, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. Kindly write "Partners" in the memo line and indicate your level of commitment. Thank you!

## GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library would like to thank Dr. Mary Lou Caldwell who made a recent donation in honor of Ken Anhalt's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and Theodore Calleton who made a very generous donation. Also, thanks to Thomas of Whole Foods Pasadena for donating 300 paper bags towards our bi-monthly Best Used Book Sale.

Monies in the General Fund are used to purchase and replenish books, software and other resource items and to fund the Library's many outreach programs. If you would like to make a tax-exempt donation 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, P.O. Box 334, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. We are grateful for your support

## LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE

We're excited to share our **Summer Reading Program** with you for 2023! Starting June 10<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup> you can read books to earn prizes. Our display case, starting on **Monday, May 8**, will feature information about Summer Reading and all the prizes you can win by participating.

## PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD 2023-2024

The following candidates for the Friends Board of Directors, 2023-2024, will be presented at the Annual June Meeting, **Wednesday June 21**, at which time a motion will be made for approval by our members:

### Officers

**President:** Julie Bencosme

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Governance:** Jeanne Martin

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Development:** Pete Siberell

**Treasurer:** Darlene Traxler

**Recording Secretary:** Liz Leahy

**Corresponding Secretary:** Julie Puterbaugh

### Directors at Large

Marcielle Brandler

Jill Franks

Prudence Levine

Sharon Murphy

Vicky Ryan

Wendy Senour

Geri Wright

Jane Zamanzadeh

Leslie Ziff

We still need an **Art Fair Chair** and **Directors at Large** positions are also available. Please contact **Jeanne Martin** at 626-893-4540 for more information.

Committee appointments will be made at the July Board Meeting.

This is a very rewarding way to support your community and your Library.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee — Jeanne Martin, Julie Bencosme, Margaret Quigley and Marcielle Brandler for putting together this great slate for the next year.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## MAY CALENDAR

EVERY MONDAY 9:00 A.M.		IN-PERSON AT THE LIBRARY BABY RHYME TIME	MAY 10	4:00 P.M.	TEEN SNACKCHAT
			MAY 11	3:30 P.M.	TAILS & TALES
EVERY MONDAY 10:00 A.M.		IN-PERSON AT THE LIBRARY STORYTIME	MAY 13	11:00 A.M.	CRAFT IT!: SPRING HATS
			MAY 13	12 NOON	3D PRINTING BASICS
MAY 1-31		WALK THIS WAY STORY ADVENTURE	MAY 17	4:00 P.M.	ANIME AFTERNOON
			MAY 17	7:00 P.M.	PAJAMA STORYTIME
MAY 1-31		ORIGAMI ALOHA SHIRT	MAY 17	7:00 P.M.	FRIENDS BOARD MEETING
MAY 1	3:30 P.M.	MISSION:RENAISSANCE ART WORKSHOP	MAY 18	11:00 A.M.	ZOOM 3 <sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY BOOK CLUB
MAY 3	4:00 P.M.	BOARD LIBRARY TEENS	MAY 18	4:00 P.M.	CRICUT WORKSHOP
MAY 4	6:00 P.M.	INTERACTIVE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT	MAY 20	12 NOON	LIVING WITH WILDLIFE
			MAY 22	3:30 P.M.	PIXELATED ART
MAY 6	9:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.	SIERRA MADRE ART FAIR	MAY 22	5:00 P.M.	LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 6	12 NOON-2:00 P.M.	LEARN ABOUT UPCOMING LIBRARY RENOVATIONS	MAY 23	6:00 P.M.	1-2-3D PRINTING WORKSHOP
			MAY 24	2:00 P.M.	SEWING MACHINE BASICS
MAY 6	1:00-3:00 P.M.	MUSIC AND MINDFULNESS	MAY 24	4:00 P.M.	TEEN VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
			MAY 27	10:00 A.M.	SEWING MACHINE BASICS
MAY 7	9:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.	SIERRA MADRE ART FAIR	MAY 27	12 NOON	DIGITAL SERVICES MEET & GREET
MAY 8	5:30 P.M.	BAILEY CANYON NATURE WALK			

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**LIBRARY HOURS**

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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