



FRIENDS of the Sierra Madre Library

FOUNDED IN 1953

October 2024

President's Message

Dear Friends and Partners,

September has been an exciting month for the Library. The 91024 Day was such a positive community experience. The Friends of the Library participated with a pop up in Kersting Court. It was a great time to be noticed, become known, visit with people and sell books.

The Second Event was the absolutely amazing Ground Breaking Ceremony on September 17. I was so proud of our Library and community! Over 140 people joined the dignitaries who came. Assembly-member Chris Holden, who supported us for the \$10.5 million dollars needed for the renovations, attended along with representatives from various state legislators and CLA President Shawn Thrasher. Our Mayor, Kelly Kriebs, received many certificates on behalf of the Library and City. We as a Library and community were praised for our hard work, dedication, and support. The venue was perfect with a huge tent and goody bags were available as were refreshments. Lots and lots of pictures were taken with the traditional gold shovels and purple hardhats. Our Library Staff put in an incredible amount of work to make this a festive, memorable event.

The **Best Used Book Sale** will be open on **October 4 and 5** in the parking behind the temporary library at 350 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. with something for everyone. Another way we can support and earn the funds needed to keep the library programs going.

Saturday, October 5 is the date for the **50th Wine & Cuisine Tasting Golden Jubilee**. This is an extra special event being held in Sierra Madre at the Baldwin Avenue Gallery from 6-9:30 p.m. Different and diverse options are part of the silent auction and bidding can be done ahead of the event. Tickets and bidding on silent auction items can be done online using the QR code. You will not want to miss out!

Saturday, October 5 is also the **Sierra Madre Wellness Fair** which will be held, starting with a bike ride. The Library will have a table and pop up in Memorial Park staffed by the ever busy, Library Staff, the Friends and the Trustees. Stop by and find out more about activities.

FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

50th Wine & Cuisine Tasting Golden Jubilee

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
6 – 9:30 PM

LOCATION:

BALDWIN AVENUE GALLERY
(THE BAG)

12 N. BALDWIN AVE., SIERRA MADRE

TICKETS

\$100 PER PERSON

PURCHASE TICKETS

USING THE QR CODE BELOW

OR

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FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY
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Check the newsletter and the Library calendar for something for all ages. And, think about signing up to volunteer for an event, gathering, or an activity! Be part of the process and journey. Help for a small task is often needed and so appreciated.

Jeanne Martin

SPECIAL EVENTS

WALK THIS WAY: A STORY ADVENTURE

Stretch your legs at Memorial Park while engaging in some early literacy, with a new picture book featured each month. In October, you can read *The Great Pumpkin Contest* by Angela Rozelaar. This title is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library.

COMMUNITY MOSAIC ART

From **Tuesday, October 1 – Thursday, October 31** celebrate all month long with a sticker art project the whole family will enjoy. Work on it a little each time you visit the Library in October.

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 from **Saturday, October 5 to Saturday, November 16** to pick up your reading log. Earn up to three free burgers, cheeseburgers, or grilled cheese sandwiches.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOP

On **Wednesday, October 9** at 10:00 a.m. spend quality time with your family, meet new people, and read, discover, and connect with community professionals during these FREE workshops at the Library. Light refreshments will be served. For caregivers and children from Birth to 36 months. Reserve a spot for one or all three sessions.

THIS IS HOW WE ROLL

Do you love chatting about books? Have you been wanting to get outside and increase your step count? The Library has got you covered. Meet up in front of the Library on **Thursday, October 10** from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and join this walking book discussion group. No registration required.

THE BIG PUMPKIN SMASH

On **Thursday, October 10** at 4:00 p.m. the 4th Annual Big Pumpkin Smash is happening again at the Sierra Madre Fire Station during National Fire Prevention Week. Fun for the whole family! Special thanks to our local Monrovia and Hastings Ranch Trader Joe's for their pumpkin contribution. No reservation required, while supplies last.

NATURE WALK

On **Wednesday, October 23** from 5:00 – 6:30 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.

SENSORY PLAY

On **Thursday, October 24** from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. join us for sensory-friendly play designated for neurodivergent children from Birth – Age

11. Children with sensory processing challenges, autism spectrum disorder, and/or ADHD can enjoy the Library in a less stimulating environment. Sensory toys will be set up for exploratory play and are acquired thanks to generous donations from our community.

Registration is required to help maintain attendance levels. Walk-ins will be welcomed day-of until maximum attendance number is reached. Call 626-355-7186 to register or register on Eventbrite here:



NOTEWORTHY PUPPETS

On **Saturday, October 26** at 10:00 a.m. join us at the Memorial Park Bandshell for a special performance of *Kid Zorro: A Bilingual Puppet Musical* presented by Noteworthy Puppets. Fun for the whole family! No registration required.

HALLOWEEN DAY

On **Thursday, October 31** – All Day – pop by the Library and receive a special treat! While supplies last.

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. **PLEASE NOTE:** Baby Rhyme Time will be held at the Sierra Madre Fire Station on **Monday, October 7** and will not be held on **Monday, October 14** as the Library will be closed.

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. **PLEASE NOTE:** Preschool Storytime will be held at the Sierra Madre Fire Station on **Monday, October 7** and will not be held on **Monday, October 14** as the Library will be closed.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

GREEN TEENS

On **Wednesday, October 9** and **Wednesday, October 23** at 4:00 p.m. meet new friends, learn new things and serve your community through volunteer work while earning service hours. This year our Green Teens will participate in

a variety of activities some of which include learning about and helping care for the native and drought tolerant plants in the green spaces around the temporary Library at 350 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Green Teens will earn one service hour for each session attended. No registration required. Meeting locations will vary and weather may cause last minute location changes.

Call the Library at 626-355-7186 for details and location updates.

3D PRINTING BASICS

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

TAILS AND TALES

On **Wednesday, October 16** 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.

ZOOM PAJAMA STORYTIME

On **Wednesday, October 16** at 7:00 p.m. tune in on Zoom for a live Bedtime Storytime. 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, October 17** at 11:00 a.m. the book we are discussing on Zoom is *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael* by Beth Morrey. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register.

DIGITAL SERVICES MEET AND GREET

On **Saturday, October 26** 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.

SEWING MACHINE BASICS

Learn sewing basics with the Library's sewing machine. In-person, at the Library. Limited spaces available. Call 626-355-7186 to schedule a day and time to learn.

1-2-3D PRINTING WORKSHOP

Learn the skills needed to independently use the Library's 3D printer. Call 626-355-7186 to schedule a day and time to learn.

CRICUT WORKSHOP

Learn how to use Cricut with a Library staff member. Call 626-355-7186 to schedule a day and time to learn.

BEST USED BOOK SALE

The Friends announce that the October Best Used Book Sale will be held on **Friday, October 4** from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, October 5** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. It will take place on the parking lot behind the temporary library at 350 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Featured in our "Table Books" section will be a large newer cookbook collection; look for books about vegan and gluten-free recipes as well as selections from TV chefs, such as Jamie Oliver and Christopher Kimball. As the weather turns cooler, we can start thinking about heartier cooking and eating and we have some inspirations to get you started!

We also have a large collection of "Coffee Table" books about Art, History, and Contemporary Culture with beautiful photographs and drawings, nice enough for gifts. A large selection of Children's and Teen books includes pop-ups and familiar characters such as Curious George, Judy Moody, and Nancy Drew; also great for gifts.

Our "Bargain Book" section will have \$1.00 books of every genre, fiction and non-fiction. More Children's and Teen books are for sale from 25 cents - \$1.00, and small paperbacks are 25 cents each or 5/\$1.00. We have a large group of CDs and DVDs at \$1.00 each (collections marked somewhat higher) and most Audio books are \$3.00.

The **\$5.00 BAG SALE** will take place all day **SATURDAY** on the parking lot. You may buy a large grocery bag for \$5.00 from our friendly volunteers and choose any of our Bargain Books and/or media to fill it. All proceeds from our sales benefit the programs, activities and acquisitions of our wonderful Sierra Madre Public Library.

We look forward to seeing you at the Best Used Book Sale!

PARTNERS PROGRAM

How exciting that we recently celebrated the groundbreaking for our soon to be renovated Library. The Partners have committed a significant donation to the Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment fund that will furnish our "new" building so we would like to thank those Partners who renewed their membership recently and welcome the new partners who have joined us.

Renewing Partners are: Dan & Heather Banis, Mary KB Carter, Marlene Enmark, Susan Gallagher, Keith & Janet Gillespie, Ralph & Trinidad Komai, Bill & Sharon Ramsey, the Sierra Madre Civic Club and Andy Van Horn. Our new Partners include: Valerie Butler, Dawn Dennison, Ken & Shelley Goldstein, and Beth Kerns.

If you would like to become a Partner or renew your partnership, you may do so online at the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library website at <https://sierramadrelibraryfriends.org>. Or you can 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 of your check.

Thank you for supporting our Library!

GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library would like to thank Donna Howard and Susan Gallagher for their generous donations made in September.

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, go online or write "General Fund" on the memo line and mail your check to Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, P.O. Box 334, Sierra Madre, CA 91025.

We are grateful for your support!

LIBRARY OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

The Library will be closed on **Monday, October 14** for Indigenous Peoples Day. Have a fun and safe Holiday!

The Library will be closed on **Saturday, October 19** for Staff Training.

READER'S REVIEW



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

What the Bears Know

By Steve Searles and Chris Erskine

Last month's book review featured this opening message – repeated in part here:

"It is time to take a breath, read this book, which will hopefully give folks a better understanding of Bear behavior. We need to educate ourselves on best practices for living alongside them *safely*, for all wildlife actually, if we want to continue to enjoy life in our mountain community.

In Sierra Madre, we've had several public safety meetings in conjunction with California Department of Fish & Wildlife and their Biologists specializing in wildlife human conflict situations. The state's funding has been cut and now there are fewer personnel to help Sierra Madreans cope with this issue. This means that now more than ever, we need to find the best ways to deal with the situation, and I'm thankful for Michelle Tremblay in town and her "bear lovers" group for being proactive about this: <https://www.bearloverssm.com/>."

I'm currently reading this book to educate myself and am very thankful for the authors Steve Searles, as well as Chris Erskine, esteemed writer, for this eye opening, educational book – *What the Bears Know*.

This is "the incredible story of how one man went from a hired hunter to becoming one of America's top champions for this iconic animal. In this wondrous and eye-opening exploration, Steve Searles, the renowned and respected "Bear Whisperer" of Mammoth Lakes, takes the reader on a journey into the lives of these remarkable creatures and the world we share.

In the late 1990s, the town of Mammoth Lakes, California hired Steve Searles as a hunter to cull half its troublesome bear population. But as he began to prepare for the grim task, the bears soon won him over, and Searles realized there had to be a better way. He soon developed non-lethal tactics to control their behavior and overpopulation that heralded a landmark moment in the care and handling of the American black bear.

But change was not without its challenges. To some, his success was dismissed due to his lack of formal academic training. Yet Searles never wavered in his commitment, and eventually became not just local folk hero but a nationally recognized expert. This high school dropout saved not just the bears, but, in many ways, his community.

In a tradition that runs from John Muir to Bear Grylls, Searles finds a fellowship with nature and a deeper meaning in the world of bears. Do bears understand things we don't? Are they dialed in to some greater natural force?

Unlike us, bears waste little time on unreasonable fears. Bears are fully in the moment. They have an inner peace that seems to offset their power and strength. That may explain why no other animal on the planet is as revered as the bear.

As Searles shares his remarkable knowledge and we become immersed in the ursine world, you'll never look at bears or nature the same way again. Warm and poignant, and perfect for anyone who has been fascinated by the natural world, *What the Bears Know* shows that wisdom and fulfillment can come from unexpected places."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



OCTOBER CALENDAR

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EVERY MONDAY	9:00 A.M.	BABY RHYME TIME AT TEMPORARY LIBRARY	OCTOBER 14	LIBRARY CLOSED	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
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			OCTOBER 28	5:00 P.M.	LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING
			OCTOBER 31	ALL DAY	HALLOWEEN AT THE LIBRARY

Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library

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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