

## President's Message

Dear Friends and Partners,

Very exciting times for our Library! The ground breaking was in September, and now the Library is surrounded by very tall construction fencing! I hear it makes a wonderful perch for the squirrels! Progress is being made on this long-awaited project.

The Friends of the Library Board continues with the necessary fundraising opportunities. On **Saturday, October 5** the Friends hosted the **50<sup>th</sup> Wine & Cuisine Tasting Golden Jubilee**. Yes, it was not the mega event of the past, but a cozy, casual time at the Baldwin Art Gallery (The Bag) with wine to taste and lots of good food and silent auction items donated by the generous merchants, residents, and restaurants of Sierra Madre. We also had the bonus of volunteers from the Library Teens. They served as smiling, welcoming greeters and guides — and who can resist a warm smile from a young person! They also helped with food and the many housekeeping chores for an event of this size. They were so mature, responsible, and self-directed. I was very proud of them and happy that I had a chance to chat with them. I, personally, had the “primo” assignment and location. I was at the top of the stairs handing out plates and glasses. I literally got to speak with everyone! It was rewarding to hear all the laughter and conversations as friends met and new friends were made. Hopefully, this will become an annual event. You will not want to miss, so watch for announcements next year.

Sierra Madre as a community is so supportive and generous. The Library certainly appreciates your generosity in being a Friend and/or Partner. We would also like that priceless gift of your time! Sign up through the website or at the Library. Remember volunteer time could be as little as an hour, a one-time need, or more time. It could be at an event, or behind the scenes. And sometimes “muscle” is needed for set ups and a myriad of other duties. We are also open to suggestions for events and fund-raising ideas. This is your Library; be part of the journey and events. And, everyone is welcome and everyone's time is appreciated whether or not you are a Friend or Partner.

We will be in Kersting Court during the **Winter Village Festival** on **Saturday, November 30** from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. Come by, buy a book, lend a hand!

I look forward to meeting and working with you,

**Jeanne Martin**

## THE WINE TASTING “SHOUT OUT” OF SINCERE THANKS!

The Sierra Madre Friends of the Library's **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wine and Cuisine Tasting** was a very successful event thanks to all the wonderful supporters of our city's Library. Our wine committee: Susan Gallagher, Jill Franks, Jeanne Martin, Julie Puterbaugh, Vicky Ryan, and Leslie Ziff want to especially thank



*Wine Tasting Committee (Lt to Rt): Vicky Ryan, Susan Gallagher, WT Chair Leslie Ziff, Friends President Jeanne Martin, Julie Puterbaugh, Jill Franks*

the Baldwin Avenue Gallery's owners, Mike Serr and Mary Hoffman Serr, for being wonderful hosts of this event. Taylor's Market sponsored all the wines that was donated from Classic Wines and The Landing Wines of New Zealand.



*City Librarian Leila Regan with the Library's one-of-a kind donation to the Silent Auction*

Our food was donated by Nano's Cafe, Taylors Market, The Only Place In Town, Monsieur Crepe, The Corner Bakery, Raffi's, Nothing Bundt Cakes, English Scones, and Trader Joe's. Beautiful floral arrangements were donated by Ixora and Leonora Moss. Many of our businesses such as — Arnolds Frontier Hardware and Gifts, E. Waldo Ward, Savor The Flavor, Emmi's, Perry's Joint, Lucky Baldwins, The Buccaneer, Sierra Madre Playhouse, Casa del Rey, Mary's Market, RT Rogers Brewing Co., Village Pizzeria, Skin Care and Body Works, and Sierra Madre Massage Company; and artist Virginia Hayward and realtor

Pauli Morin — donated wonderful silent auction items! A special thank you goes out to our SMPD Chief Gus Barrientos for donating an amazing helicopter ride and Santa Anita Park for a Box accommodating Six with VIP parking!

We were excited to host all the members of our City Council and the Library Board of Trustees. We are happy to say that this fundraiser brought in close to \$15,000 which will help to support the Library's programs for children and adults, needed materials, future speakers, and other activities for this coming year. I speak for the committee when I say that we appreciate the community's support for this fundraiser and hope to see you all next year for our 51<sup>st</sup> Wine and Cuisine Tasting. You can start to look for our “Save The Date” notices this coming Spring for our October event.

**Respectfully,**  
**Leslie Ziff, Chair**

## 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 November, you can read *If Animals Gave Thanks* by Ann Whitford Paul. This title is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library.

### COMMUNITY COLORS

Visit the Library during the month of November from **Saturday, November 2** to **Thursday, November 27** and participate in our Community Colors activity. Fun for the entire family. No registration required.

### CANDY DROP OFF BEGINS

Don't know what to do with all that left over Halloween candy? Donate it to the Library for future Library programs! Starting **Saturday, November 2** you can drop off your extra candy to the Library and we will put it to good use.

### SENSORY PLAY

On **Thursday, November 2** from 9:00-9:30 a.m. join us for sensory-friendly play designated for neurodivergent children from Birth to 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 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.

### WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Sharpen your pencils! Bring what you are currently working on or start something new. Local authors run workshops; they will help you to polish that piece! Registration is requested but not required.

**Monday, November 4** with Scott Okomoto from 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Hart Park House

**Monday, November 18** with Naomi HiraHara from 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Emmi's Restaurant (45 N. Baldwin Avenue)

**Monday, November 25** with Layne Staral from 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Hart Park House

### ASTRONOMY IN THE PARK

On **Wednesday, November 12** from 6:00-7:30 p.m. stargaze with us at Memorial Park for an up-close view of the night sky (weather permitting). Old Town Sidewalk Astronomers will set up shop in Memorial Park on the southeast corner of the Hart Park House and help us learn about what populates our skies around this time of year. Fun for all ages. No registration required.

### CAREGIVER WORKSHOP

On **Wednesday, November 13** 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, November 14** from 9:00-9:30 a.m. and join this walking book discussion group. No registration required.

### OUTDOOR STORYTIME

On **Saturday, November 16** at 10:00 a.m. join us at the Memorial Park Bandshell for a special Outdoor Storytime. There will be fun songs, engaging stories, and a craft. No registration required.

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

In-N-Out's Cover to Cover Club Reading Program is happening now for Kids, Ages 4-12 years old. Hurry in to collect your burger certificate by **Saturday, November 16**.

## 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 not be held on **Monday, November 11** 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 not be held on **Monday, November 11** as the Library will be closed.

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

### 3D PRINTING BASICS

Learn how we do our in-Library 3D prints in this beginner workshop on **Saturday, November 9** at 12:00 p.m. In-person, at the Library. No registration required.

## GREEN TEENS

Meet new friends, learn new things and serve your community through volunteer work while earning service hours on **Wednesday, November 13** and **Wednesday, November 27** at 4:00 p.m.

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.

### TAILS AND TALES

On **Wednesday, November 20** 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

Tune in on Zoom for a live Bedtime Storytime on **Wednesday, November 20** 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 21** at 11:00 a.m. the book we are discussing on Zoom is *Short Story Masterpieces by American Women Writers* by Clarence C. Strowbridge. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register.

### DIGITAL SERVICES MEET AND GREET

On **Saturday, November 23** 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 language courses through Mango, and engage in BrainFuse JobNow 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 register.

### 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

Another hot weekend for the October book sale but we made \$1,234. Add to presales of \$893, our 8-week total since the August sale was **\$2,127.00**. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard in the hot sun!

The next Best Used Book Sale will be on **Friday, December 6** from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, December 7** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We're saving many holiday books and NEW gift items for this sale. See you then!

Don't forget to save your large grocery bags with handles from Trader Joe's or Whole Foods. We use them for our \$5.00 Bag Sale and they can be dropped off on the Donation Bench in front of the Library at 350 West Sierra Madre Blvd. Thank you!

We also now have the Free Bench located in front of the Library to the right of the front door.

## PARTNERS PROGRAM

The construction fences are up which means that after years of hoping, finally receiving funding, and months of planning, our beloved Library is being renovated. Now we are in the process of raising money to furnish our new building and the Partners have contributed a significant amount to the \$695,000 that the Friends have committed to the Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment Fund.

We are grateful to all our Partners for their continuing support. This month the following Partners renewed: John & Sally Olson, Sharon Marsh, Jeanne Martin, John & Margaret Quigley, Thomas & Pamela Reichardt, Pete & Marianne Siberell, Rob & Wendy Stockly, and Mary Talwar. And we are pleased to welcome two new Partners: Mary Higgins and Ann Palmer.

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 Gretchen Robinette for her generous donation made in September. A special thank you to John & Margaret Quigley for their generous donation that went towards the 50<sup>th</sup> Wine and Cuisine Tasting Golden Jubilee Event and another special thank you to Mary & Michael Serr for donating their gallery, The Bag, for the event.

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 HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Veterans Day Holiday: The Library will be closed on **Monday, November 11**.

Thanksgiving Holiday Observance: The Library will be closed **Thursday, November 28, Friday, November 29, Saturday, November 30, and Sunday, December 1**.

We will reopen for services **Monday, December 2** at 11:00 a.m.

## READER'S REVIEW



This month's review is by **Richard Bellikoff**

**The World Central Kitchen Cookbook: Feeding Humanity, Feeding Hope**

**By José Andrés and World Central Kitchen with Sam Chapple-Sokol**

Cookbooks are very popular these days. You may have a few yourself. This one is unique. Inspired by a trip to Haiti in 2010, chef José Andrés founded World Central Kitchen (WCK), a global nonprofit that has cooked millions of nourishing meals for people impacted by natural disasters, wars and other crises, most recently in Gaza and the parts of the USA devastated by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

In the foreword, Stephen Colbert praises José's love of humanity: "Thankfully, José's love is not only visible, it is edible." The recipes are grouped into themes based on WCK's core values. "Urgency" focuses on food that can be eaten on the go, including the Lahmajoun Flatbread served after a destructive 2020 explosion in Beirut. "Hope" contains soups, stews, and comforting meals, such as Ukrainian Borsch served to families living through Russia's invasion and Chicken Chili Verde prepared for California firefighters. "Empathy" is the ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes and understand their feelings. Recipes in this section are for braises and other long cooks. "Adaptation" is about working your way out of any situation, with recipes that include sheet pans and paella pans. "Community" means neighbors helping neighbors in tough times. These are dishes to share with family and friends. "Resilience" involves not only feeding people after crises, but also helping to rebuild food systems to withstand future shocks. Recipes here are designed to support farmers and small food producers. Children are especially vulnerable to the impacts of disasters, and a section called "Joy" has recipes for sweets, drinks, and for celebrating special occasions like birthdays.

Each recipe also includes profiles and photos of those who cook and serve the meals, often local people working in their own communities. There's the Puerto Rican Sancocho from Chefs for Puerto Rico, a crew of chefs, restaurateurs and food truck owners who worked with WCK to cook after Hurricane María. Famous WCK supporters also share recipes, like Breakfast Tacos from Michelle Obama and a Lemon Olive Oil Cake from Meghan Markle. Other recipe contributors include celebrity chefs such as Marcus Samuelsson, Emeril Lagasse and Guy Fieri. My favorite recipe so far is the delicious Qorma-E-Nakhod (Chickpea Stew With Creamy Goat Cheese Sauce), contributed by Nadia Ghulum, a chef and writer who emigrated to Spain from Afghanistan and helped WCK feed Afghan refugees in Madrid.

All proceeds from this wonderful cookbook will support WCK's emergency response work. It's the perfect holiday gift and you'll be contributing to a worthy cause.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER	CALL TO SCHEDULE DAY/TIME	SEWING MACHINE BASICS	NOVEMBER 13	10:00 A.M.	CAREGIVER WORKSHOP
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EVERY MONDAY	10:00 A.M.	STORYTIME AT TEMPORARY LIBRARY	NOVEMBER 16	10:00 A.M.	OUTDOOR STORYTIME
NOVEMBER 1-30		WALK THIS WAY: A STORY ADVENTURE	NOVEMBER 18	6:00 P.M.	WRITER'S WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 2-27		COMMUNITY COLORS BEGINS	NOVEMBER 20	3:30 P.M.	TAILS & TALES
NOVEMBER 2		CANDY DROP-OFF BEGINS	NOVEMBER 20	7:00 P.M.	FRIENDS BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 2	9:00 A.M.	SENSORY PLAY	NOVEMBER 20	7:00 P.M.	ZOOM PAJAMA STORYTIME
NOVEMBER 4	6:00 P.M.	WRITER'S WORKSHOP	NOVEMBER 21	11:00 A.M.	ZOOM 3 <sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY BOOK CLUB
NOVEMBER 9	12:00 P.M.	3D PRINTING BASICS	NOVEMBER 23	12 NOON	DIGITAL SERVICES MEET & GREET
NOVEMBER 11		LIBRARY CLOSED VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 23	5:00 P.M.	LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 12	6:00 P.M.	ASTRONOMY IN THE PARK	NOVEMBER 25	6:00 P.M.	WRITER'S WORKSHOP
			NOVEMBER 27	4:00 P.M.	GREEN TEENS
			NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 2		LIBRARY CLOSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
			NOVEMBER 30	12 NOON-8:00 P.M.	FRIENDS BOOTH WINTER VILLAGE FESTIVAL

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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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