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Santa Barbara Friends
of the Library is to
inspire and encourage
our community to
provide resources which
will ensure a superior
public library that
serves our
diverse population.*

Almost 200 New Members from Spring Appeal

It was apparent in the city's budget hearings that the library's budget cuts were going to be deep. Consequently, the Friends worked with some of the library staff to find ways to increase FOL memberships and to raise funds for the library's collections. The Spring Appeal was launched in April. As a result, we are delighted to have almost 200 new members and \$17,595 for collections. That figure translates to about 700 new books for the library.

Welcome new members and thank you for your generosity.

June Blowout Book Sale a Great Success

Donating your books to the library is a big financial help! This was proven in June when the FOL helped raise \$4964 with the Blowout Book Sale, raising enough money for about 200 new books. Donated items first go to improve the library's collections. Items not needed go to a Blowout Book Sale, held several times each year.

The next sale is in November. You can help make this one just as successful by donating hardcover books, paperbacks, music CDs, VHS tapes, old magazines, CDs, and record albums. Just drop them off at the library during open hours. We will also need volunteers to work the sales table and to keep the area tidy.

Thank you to the dozen FOL volunteers who made the June sale run smoothly!

Scrabble Night

Scrabble Night for Adult Literacy took place on Friday, September 24, in the Faulkner Gallery. Participants enjoyed fabulous finger food from the following donating restaurants: Aldo's, Chase, Jeannine's, Museum Cafe, and State & A Bar & Grill. The Board of the Friends of the Library baked dessert goodies, and the following places donated pizzas: Sal's Pizza, Rusty's Pizza, Mesa Pizza, Gino's Sicilian Express, California Pizza Kitchen, Taffy's, Marty's, Little Caesar's and Pizza Guru. When you patronize these pizza places and restaurants, please say "thank you."

NOVEMBER Blow-Out Book Sale



The Central Library's next Blow-out Book sale will be held:

**November 11-14
(Thursday-Sunday)**

Reduced prices on all paperbacks, hard covers, VHS tapes, CDs, LP records, & more. Check the library's website for more information. www.sbplibrary.org

Volunteers helping to sort books for November's Blow-out Book sale include Jessica Fox-Tenney, Linda Love, Jeri Moulder and Suzanne Fairly-Green.



Presidents' Co-Message

I want to introduce to you, Michele Allyn, who is now my co-president for the FOL Board. She is a wonderful addition: full of energy and ideas, an excellent organizer and also excellent at running meetings.

Before I turn the column over to her to tell you more about herself, I want to give a big "shout out" to all the wonderful volunteers who have been helping us this year. First, to all those folks who spent hours addressing envelopes and writing personal sticky notes for our Spring Appeal Letter. It made a huge difference, as you will read about in more detail elsewhere. Secondly, thanks to all those folks who have been helping with the library book sales.....sorting books and working at the sale. It's made the work much more fun. And, I also want to take this time to

invite all of you to join our "Merry Band" of volunteers. We can accomplish so much more with all your help. It can be with mailings, book sales, or even bringing goodies for events like the Scrabble Tournament. Just let Linda Love, our administrator know you are interested. See you at the next work day!

Jeri Moulder

.. And Now.....Here's Michele ...

Dear Members,

I started serving on the Friends of the Library Board in June of 2009 and became the Treasurer this past January and here I am, in September, the Co-President!! You too can leapfrog to the top! I have known Jeri for over 15 years and I am thrilled to be working with her on the Board. I was originally asked to be on the Board because of my business and banking background. I also have a deep love of books and have used our Library for many years. Our vision is to continue to support the Library, especially regarding the children's programs, in an ever increasing and efficient manner. You all have been so generous with your giving and with your time. The library staff is wonderful to work with and so appreciative of all that we are accomplishing. I encourage anyone who is moved to play with us at a higher level to contact us to talk about the opportunities to serve that are available with this service organization. I look forward to hearing from you.

Michele Allyn



Book Club in a Bag

One of the most popular services at our library is the Book Club in a Bag program. The Friends of the Library's tote bags contain 8 – 10 copies of a single title, a short author biography, book reviews and discussion questions. Some bags also have one copy of the book on CD. The bags may be reserved by phone, in person, or by email (reference@sbplibrary.org). No online holds, however. A list of the non-fiction and fiction titles includes:

NON-FICTION

Enrique's Journey, by Sonia Nazario
The Devil in the White City, by Erik Larson
Ethics for the New Millennium, by His Holiness the Dalai Lama
Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson
River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey by Candice Millard
Mountains Beyond Mountains, by Tracy Kidder
The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls
Eat, Pray, Love, by Elizabeth Gilbert
True Notebooks, by Mark Salzman
The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid, by Bill Bryson
The Omnivore's Dilemma, by Michael Pollan

FICTION

Life of Pi, by Yann Martel
The Namesake, by Jhumpa Lahiri
Atonement, by Ian McEwan
The Red Tent, by Anita Diamant
Ahab's Wife, by Sena Jeter Naslund

Olive Kitteridge, by Elizabeth Strout
Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society, by M.A. Shaffer and A. Barrows
The Inheritance of Loss, by Kiran Desai
Birth of Venus, by Sarah Dunant
Out Stealing Horses, by Per Petterson
Water for Elephants, by Sara Gruen
Stoner, by John Williams
Away, by Amy Bloom
Divisadero, by Michael Onkaatje
Suite Francaise, by Irene Nemirovsky
Housekeeping, by Marilynne Robinson
Gilead, by Marilynne Robinson
Bel Canto, by Ann Patchett
Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury
The Memory Keeper's Daughter, by Kim Edwards
The Road, by Cormac McCarthy
The Kite Runner, by Khaled Hosseini
Snow Flower & the Secret Fan, by Lisa Lee
Middlesex, by Jeffrey Eugenides
The Time Traveler's Wife, by Audrey Niffenegger
Beloved, by Toni Morrison
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, by Mark Haddon

2010 Summer Reading and Make A Splash Programs a Hit!

Congratulations to the 919 kids who joined **Summer Reading Program** and "Made a Splash" this summer at Central Library.

Of those, 197 reached the top reading goal of 25 books. Many continued to keep track of even more books "just for fun". 3331 kids participated throughout Santa Barbara Public Library System. Thanks to local business and the Friends of the Library, children were given incentives for every 5 books they read.

The library was bustling with children excitedly talking about their favorite books. More than 30 "Volunteens" shared great energy by welcoming toddlers through pre-teens to the Library and asking them about what they read. Even our youngest pre-readers happily pointed out pictures in stories they read together with their family. Volunteens also spent time reading one-on-one with children when there was a chance. One little girl returned regularly for help with vocabulary homework.

Weekly special events, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, are always the highlight of Summer Reading Program.

Thanks to you, this summer 852 kids and 614 adults packed the Faulkner Gallery to enjoy old & new favorites including: Juggler David Cousin, Magician Shawn McMaster, Storytellers Jim Cogan and Angela



Lloyd, One World Rhythm, Fairy Tales with P&T Puppet Theatre, "The River Otter Circus" from Swazzle Puppets, and Zoo to You. Our biggest crowd was 183 kids - plus their parents! Families are always appreciative of the chance to enjoy cultural and educational performances at the Library.

The Teen Summer Reading Program was also a success. "Make Waves at your Library" was tailored just for teens. Teens kept track of the titles they read on a "bingo card" to earn grab bag prizes and tickets for grand prizes donated by local businesses. Staff members enjoyed the chance to get book recommendations from junior and senior high school students. We also connected with teens by chatting with them about positive social activities like "take a picture of the beach and share it at the library" and "get your hands wet. Offer to do the dishes - with a smile!."

Teens throughout Santa Barbara Public Library System also submitted 90 book reviews online (30 from Central patrons). We are proud to announce that we will continue to support a forum for sharing books with a "Teen Review blog", recently designed by staff and published at the teen section of

our website. Check it out at: <http://sbplteenreviews.blogspot.com/> Get your passports ready... it might seem a bit early, but we're already looking forward to and planning next year's Summer Reading Program, which will have a world culture & travel theme. Let us know if you have talents or experience to add to the fun next summer!

Currently, we're launching into a year of great family programs for toddlers through teens. We are welcoming new staff and dedicated volunteers. Please stop by to say "hi" and see the books and youth activities that the Friends support. We hope to see you in the library!

Sincerely,

Gwen Wagy
Senior Youth Librarian



Website Highlights



Jace Turner, Librarian Web Master who manages the Staff Picks Blog for the Santa Barbara

Looking for Your Next Good Read?

Perusing the library's [Staff Picks Blog](#) one finds that the reading habits of library staff are as curious and diverse as the patrons we serve. Ranging from *landscaping* and *mythology* to *tight rope walking* and *biography*, there is something for everyone on the virtual Staff Picks shelves. Linda Morris, Circulation staff member, library student, and creator of the Staff Picks Blog, says, "We created the blog as a way for the library to connect with readers who are interested in what library staff are reading." Accessible from the library's website and

available 24/7, the Staff Picks Blog shows published reviews of the book, the staff member who selected it, and "tags" or subject headings that describe the book. There is also a "Check Availability" link that takes you directly into the online catalog to see if the title is available to check out. "The library used to offer a similar service called BookLetters, but had to cancel last year due to a hike in the subscription cost," Myra Nicholas, Library Services Manager, said. "We got a lot of feedback from patrons who missed the service, so we looked around for a free product that could replace it." The Staff Picks Blog is updated monthly and can be followed (meaning you will be notified when the newest picks are posted) by using any number of the RSS feed programs available on the blog.



Staff Picks

Interested in what library staff are reading? [Here are some of our favorites...](#)

<http://sbplstaffpicks.blogspot.com>

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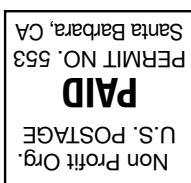
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NOV. 11-14
*during library
hours*

*Join Us at
Our Annual
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Afternoon
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3:00 – 5:00**

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