



FRIENDS OF THE SANTA BARBARA PUBLIC LIBRARY

2003

Winter

# It Was A Very Good Year

It's a good time of year to share with you the "State of the Friends." The year 2002 was a good one for us and we want you to know about it and celebrate with us. Through donations and memberships we were able to fully fund Children & Youth Services (details inside), establish a new collection of Books on CD, upgrade software on computers and pay for a year's subscription of The Biography Resource Center, an online resource tool you can check out on the library web site.

Through bequests and memoriams, we passed along \$10,000 for books and \$10,000 for reference materials to the library. In the area of grants, the Santa Barbara Foundation gave the Friends funds to upgrade and improve the children's and science and technology collections.

We are also on our way to fulfilling the three goals we set for the Friends on our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. First, an endowment fund has been established. Second, we are halfway to our goal of adding 500 new books to the collection. And third, we need only 28 new members to reach our goal of a membership of 500. We would appreciate your help in completing these goals by June, the end of our anniversary year.

At a time when all we hear about is budget cuts and a sluggish economy it's a joy to tell you that because of caring people like you, the Friends made up about 60% of the library's shortfall in revenue from the state and local government. And we spent your money well. Only 3.3% of our annual budget went to operating expenses.

So thank you for being a Friend. We look forward to another year working together to make our library a good resource and wonderful place to visit.

# Celebrating 50 Fabulous Years

# Friends Donations

## Support Youth Services

The Friends of the Library have fully funded Children and Youth Services existing programs this year **and** underwritten four new youth programs. Three of these programs provide books for the Los Prietos Juvenile Camp, the Teen Homeless Centers, and the "Reach Out and Read" program at the Franklin Clinic. The fourth program is designed to bring more teens into Central Library through the formation of the Teen Advisory Group who help select books, plan programs, and host teen events.

During 2002, with the sponsorship of the Friends, the Summer Reading Program at the Central library had 661 youth and 82 teen participants for a total of 743.

Because of your support, the library was also able to host storytellers, puppeteers, singers, and songwriters, and to sponsor craft projects, dance programs, astronomy, animal and bird shows. Here are some of the highlights of the year with the number attending in parentheses:

<b>Celtic Spring</b>	Dance troupe	(185)
<b>David Cousin</b>	Comedy Juggler	(225)
<b>Zoo to You</b>	Animal Rescue Program	(200)
<b>Michael Katz</b>	Scary Stories	(134)
<b>PCPA (Puppets)</b>	Reluctant Dragon	(130)

We, as well as the children and parents of our community, thank you for your support.



# LIBRARY IS HAPPY



## TO ACCEPT BOOK DONATIONS

The Santa Barbara Public Library happily accepts donations of books, magazines, and CDs from its patrons. But not everything is added to the collections. First, a librarian checks through the donated materials to find those of suitable age, condition and expected patron demand. Staff also examines magazines and CDs for their suitability.

Rejected donations then go onto shelves in the basement where three library volunteers—Arthur Benkaim, Philip Koplín and Mark Lozano—go through and price them before putting them upstairs on the main floor for sale. Paperbacks are generally 25 cents or 5 for \$1.00; hardback books are mostly \$1-2.00.

Sometimes books are donated which are not suitable for circulation (too old or poor condition) but which have value for collectors.

That's where eBay comes in. The volunteers cull from their shelves the volumes which they think can sell for more. A librarian then checks online sources to see if the particular edition of a book is priced at \$15 or more; if so, it can probably sell for \$5.00 or more on eBay. The librarian writes a detailed description of the physical condition and contents of the book and then lists it for auction on the site. Most of the books sell for \$5-20, but occasionally volumes sell for \$100 and more! The library has been selling on eBay for more than a year and we have sold over 130 volumes to people all over the United States.

So please check your bookshelves for any books that you are ready to pass on. This is a wonderful way to make room for new books and support the library at the same time.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Preschool Storytime:** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am.

### ☆ Starlite Puppets ☆

Connie Manson brings her small and delicate hand puppets to the library for a performance of the Russian folktalk, *Mashenk and the Bear*, based on *Little Red Riding Hood*. This program at Central and is perfect for preschoolers.

**February 12—10:30 am**

### Create Something for a ♡ Sweetheart ♡

Valentines are great fun to give and to receive. If you are in 4th grade and above, please join in a program of creative Valentine crafts at Central Library.

**February 13—3:30 pm**

### February is Black History Month

Celebrate and learn through these thoughtful books:

- ◆ *Rock of Ages: A Tribute to the Black Church*, by Tonya Bolden J811.54
- ◆ *Carver, A Life in Poems*, by Marilyn Nelson j811.54 C331
- ◆ *Let it Shine; Stories of Black women Freedom Fighters*, by Andrea Davis Pinkney j323.09239
- ◆ *Langston Hughes, American Poet* by Alice Walker j818.5209 H893
- ◆ *Malcolm X: A Fire Burning Brightly*, by Walter Dean Myers j320.54092
- ◆ *Extraordinary African-Americans*, by Susan Altman j920.00929



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