

Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library

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Spring Book Sale

By Janice Norcross, Vice-President of Books Sales

Spring, leap, jump, dive, propel yourself to the Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library Book Sale
April 13th and April 20th

Winter has gone, come and find treasures for spring and summer reading!
The hours are 9am for Friends (members only), 10am for the general public, and each day the sale concludes at 3pm.

Find these treasures in the annex in the Sierra Vista (Old Albertsons) Shopping Center (southwest corner)



More books, if you just can't wait until April,

The Book Sales Room at the Library restocks donated books every Monday. The salesroom open hours are:

Monday-closed
Tuesday-11:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday-11:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday-1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday-closed
Saturday -9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Follow the yellow shoe prints showing at the floor of the library-this will direct you to the Book salesroom!

And a **BIG THANK YOU** to Craig S., Brian W., John Z., Gary and Mary Anne A., Cathy D., Carol J., Linda S. and Sharon S. They packed and hauled many, many boxes of books from the donor's home to the annex in their own vehicles on their own time in 2 hours!

The Annex Team is ready to process more donations, so drop them at the back door to the annex on Wednesdays between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (the annex back door is slightly ajar during these hours) or at the library during their regular open hours. It's fun to volunteer with the Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library!

Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Friends of Kern County Library since 1986. Visit the County Library web site at www.kerncountylibrary.org

President's Message January 2019

by Brent Clark Palmer

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Board Meeting Calendar

February 20, 2019

March 20, 2019

April 17, 2019

No meetings in June, July, or December

Meetings are held in the Library's Community Room at 10:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! Use the Community Room entrance on the west side of the Library

Library Hours

Mon. Closed
Tues. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Wed. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Fri. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sun. Closed
Phone: (760) 384-5870

Change! Change! Change!

I find myself coming into the role of Friends president during a time of dynamic change. The somewhat new Director of Libraries, Andie Sullivan, is finally making sure our little library is getting the love it deserves as the third busiest branch in Kern County with a total, dramatic revamp of the premises.

As longtime supporters and fundraisers for the library, it is tempting to feel slighted. We were the partner that bought a few new dresses for our gal, and now someone wants to buy her a whole new wardrobe. Well, if we are truly "Friends" and not the Robber Bridegroom we must let it happen. This is a year where we must take a backseat to an ambitious vision from the County and applaud and support them as they make the many improvements that are coming.

We will continue with our popular and successful book and gift sales (although our footprint may be slightly smaller within the library itself!). And letting someone else do a ton of giving does not mean that we won't make new and bolder fundraising efforts on our own account! (Special acknowledgement for a recent first-time gift from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital for the library's new indoor digital sign.)

Now switching gears from the practical to the philosophical, in the Food For Thought Dept., here is the poetic statement I wrote and read upon my induction:

"A library exists as a place where people can find parts of themselves that they didn't know existed. A library is not always championing what is popular or that which gives a person a sense of certainty. To intellectually challenge a person, a library is a crucible of paradoxes, but need not be a crucible of conflict, for the soul has many facets. A presentation on the second amendment is as welcome as a demonstration of the first amendment. The written word is the original window into many worlds. To feel paradox, to feel uncertainty, is to look into lives and ways of life we have never known. A library is the launching point into the adventure of truly being alive. Not the stagnancy of knowing-it-all already. You can not be ignorant if you can imagine a new, next world different in any way from the one before. Libraries are where anyone may have such dreams."

 **Librarian's Corner** 

Charissa Wagner, Acting Branch Supervisor

In this article, I'm going to use a slightly different format to provide updates on things that we've introduced lately or are coming up in the future!

- The shift to the fiber network provided through the CENIC project is moving ahead at a slow pace. Hopefully the next newsletter will be praising the higher speed of the computers for both the public and the staff!
- Usage of hoopla, a FREE streaming service for movies, music, TV shows, audiobooks, and ebooks of all kinds (from graphic novels to test prep books) has steadily increased since its introduction in October. It's a simultaneous use program which allows everyone to watch or read the same thing at the same time. With OverDrive/Libby, you wait your turn and there are a limited number of total checkouts on the item before it needs to be purchased again.
- Usage of Zip Books, a FREE service that allows people to request items not available in the San Joaquin Valley Library System to be delivered to them via Amazon Prime also started in October is also going well. Details along with the request form can be found on our website (www.kernlibrary.org) if you are interested. Funding is provided by the California State Library.
- We have a new Regional Supervisor! Her name is Shalyn Pineda and she lives in Tehachapi. Her region is East Kern. She attended the January FRBL meeting and will be making periodic trips out to Ridgecrest. Shalyn's previous library experience came from the prisons in Wasco and Tehachapi so she has welcomed the change. She will be instrumental in some of our upcoming projects. We are grateful and happy to have her!
- The New York Times Sunday only edition started arriving in January. It's printed in Los Angeles and comes in the mail. Many thanks to FRBL for providing this (along with our usual assortment of magazines and newspapers).
- Lunch at the Library, which was very successful last summer (serving an average of 50 meals per day) will be returning this summer. It will run for 7 weeks instead of 6 like last summer, with the potential for adding on an 8th week depending on the numbers.
- The East Kern library branches will get funding through the Office of Economic Adjustment for the creation of a makerspace. The funding covers tangible materials found in a makerspace such as 3D printers, laser cutters, sewing machine, virtual reality setup, and green screen with other video production related items. The funding does not cover staffing directly for the makerspace. There is also limited funds for furniture and other items that might be helpful in the creation of the actual makerspace. Looking at the list, Ridgecrest is slated to receive a large number of items. I'm sure you are wondering to yourself, where will this go?
- Over the next few months, you will see some big changes happening in our little library branch as we make space for the makerspace, among other things. As the purpose of the library changes, we have discovered that we need to change as well. **Our new mission statement is: To build community and cultivate opportunities for Kern County residents by connecting people, ideas, information, and technology. If you have any ideas how we can better reflect our new mission statement, feel free to contact me.**

Membership News

By Carol Pearson, Vice President-Memberships

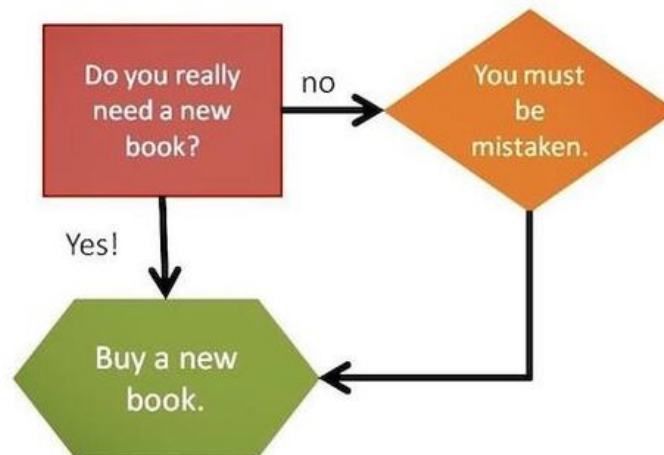
As we begin 2019, we would like to acknowledge generous members who contributed \$50 (Sponsor level) or more as they renewed their membership during 2018.

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Your renewal date should appear on your mailing address. As always, I will send renewal notices via postcard or email to remind you but it helps a lot when you notice it and respond. **When you do renew, please include "Friends" on your envelope address so library staff can quickly route it to us.**



The Spring Sale dates are April 13, and 20, 2019.
 Gift certificates are available at the bookshop at the Library.

REMEMBER, BOOKS, MAGAZINES, T-SHIRTS, NOTECARDS, GIFT CERTIFICATES, AND BOOK BAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR ONGOING SALE AT THE LIBRARY.

Membership Application for Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library

Date: _____ *Memberships are renewable annually*

Miss Ms. Mrs. Mr.

Individual name: _____

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Phone: _____

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Type of Membership (check one):

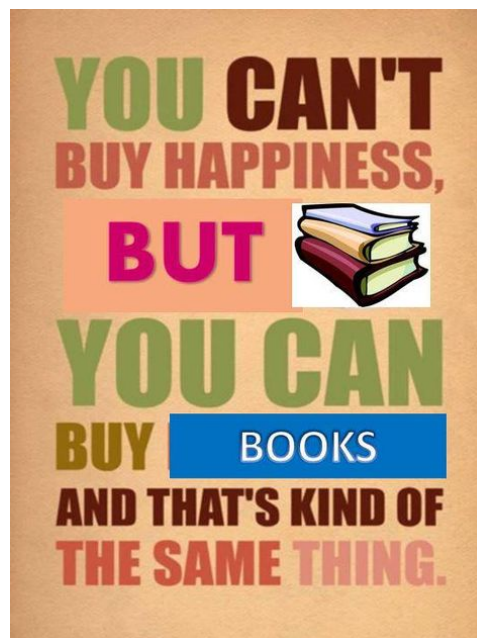
- Individual - \$10 Family - \$15 New Member
 Sustaining - \$25 Sponsoring - \$50 Renewal
 Benefactor - \$100 Other Contribution - \$_____

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I'd like to volunteer!!. I am especially interested in (check all that apply):

- Annual Book Sales Internet Book Sales
 Ongoing Book Sale in the Library Special Events
 Ongoing Magazine Sale in the Library Answering E-mail
 Pricing Books for Sale Becoming a Board Member
 Writing for the Newsletter
 I don't know what I'm interested in, please call me



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BOOK STORE HOURS

MONDAY – CLOSED
 TUESDAY – 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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 THURSDAY – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 FRIDAY – CLOSED
 SATURDAY – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
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