

The Torch



Lighting the way to learn, to explore, to discover old traditions and new opportunities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WINTER/SPRING 2010

DIRECTORS & OFFICERS 2009 - 2010



Do libraries change lives? You bet they do.

Libraries help to make democracy work. They provide citizens with resources to enable them to make informed decisions necessary to govern themselves. Businesses also benefit from essential and extensive information that libraries offer.

The libraries foster community by providing a warm and inviting gathering place for people from all walks of life to attend cultural and social programs. The libraries level the playing field by making multiple resources available to everyone from the richest to the poorest, from the best educated to the illiterate. Electronic databases provide financial, health, and historical information. A skilled, user friendly library staff is always there to assist.

Libraries not only nourish learning and creativity for children, they offer opportunities for adults to take advantage of the many resources to learn new marketable skills and to lead fuller, more productive lives.

According to the American Library Association, "Libraries can get you through times with no money better than money will get you through times with no libraries." During this period of economic hardship, more people are borrowing books

and DVD's and using the computers for job research and applications.

In the coming year, as each of you visit the newly renovated Grace Mellman Library and the Temecula Public Library, take a moment to reflect on the many ways libraries may have changed your life.

Grace Mellman Library Grand Re-opening

The grand re-opening ceremony was held on January 9, 2010. Please see more coverage in our feature article on page 4. We hope you will stop by your newly renovated library soon.

Thoughts From a Volunteer by Phyllis Ruse

My involvement with the Temecula libraries began in 1997 while working for the City of Temecula. At that time only the Grace Mellman Library was available to meet the needs of a rapidly growing population that was quickly outstripping its ability to accommodate the mounting demand for services. As the Deputy Director of Community Services, it was my privilege to lead the team that was responsible for the design of the new Temecula Public Library.

Working with the team gave me perspective

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New Hours for Grace Mellman Library

The operating hours for the Grace Mellman Library have changed. Please note the new hours on the last page of the newsletter

for the residents' concerns and desires for their new library. People wanted more than just a building with books in it; they desired technology that kept pace with new advances, collections to satisfy a diverse readership, and spaces to accommodate formal meetings as well as informal interactions. A top priority expressed was encouragement of children and teens through the use of special spaces for homework assistance, tutoring, special programs and tailored collections. In short, people were looking for a facility that would promote a sense of community place and unity for all ages and interests.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGERS...



Rosie Vanderbaak
Temecula Public Library

In 1971 my family moved to Rancho California, a 97,500 acre master-planned community that was being developed by Kaiser Development Company. Library service consisted of a bookmobile that stopped twice a month in our community for a total of two hours. In 1972 our first 750 square foot branch library opened ten hours a week through the efforts of the Rancho California

Lions, Kaiser Aetna Corporation and the Riverside City and County Library. Today, thirty-eight years later, our Temecula community is well served by not one, but two outstanding library facilities totaling 49,300 square feet and open 103 hours a week!

Our library roots run deep and have provided an important anchor for the phenomenal growth and development that created the community we enjoy today. Can you imagine living in a community that doesn't have a library? Libraries change communities. The Friends of the Temecula Libraries has been a steadfast supporter and promoter of our libraries through legislation, fundraising, awareness and programming. Donating over \$1,000,000.00 for two capital campaigns and thousands of dollars annually for the purchase of books as well as funding library programs, the Friends has enhanced the free services available at our libraries.

2010 will continue to present economic challenges for our community. Our libraries are poised to provide additional resources for job seekers and homeowners. The Temecula Valley Unified School District will offer free peer tutoring in the Technology Homework Center for students. A FINRA grant, *Money Cents for Kids*, will present an educational and fun financial literacy program for families with children in grades three through six. This year's summer reading program will offer programs and reading incentives for children, teens and adults. Plan to visit your library regularly and enjoy the free resources, programs and services – the libraries truly enrich our community.



Jan Kuebel
Grace Mellman Library

Second-generation librarian Jan Kuebel has been on a library's payroll since age 14. She began her career at her hometown Aurora Public Library in southeastern Indiana. She continued her library work in the university setting while she obtained her degrees in Art History and Cultural Anthropology. Jan was awarded her MLIS from San Jose State University in 2004, finishing among the top 2% of the nation's MLIS graduates. Jan has developed collections in libraries across the county including: The National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC, Indianapolis Museum of Art, the S.S. Universe Explorer for World Explorer Cruises, and many libraries in local Riverside County. Jan has also had the opportunity to curate exhibitions with Maurice Sendak author of *Where the Wild Things Are*, and compiled the Supplemental Bibliography for the national traveling exhibit of *The History of Women Photographers*. She has collaborated on various local building projects including the construction of the Casa Blanca Family Learning Center and the Home Gardens Community Library (including the 3,500 sq ft expansion 6 months after its Grand Opening) as well as the Norco Library remodel. As former President for the Friends of the Lewis Library and Technology Center of Fontana, CA, she established the group's website and designed all marketing materials while increasing the group's professional visibility within the rapidly growing city. And now with an insatiable interest in all things technological, Jan is actively integrating social media and library services in creating an engaging online experience for all users of the Riverside County Library System.

New Library Manager Selected



Agnes Rita
Grace Mellman Library

The long wait is over; the Grace Mellman Library has gotten a makeover! The changes are exciting. The exterior and interior have been updated and the library now feels more warm and welcoming. The earth tones have made our library more inviting while the bright colors in the children's area are cheerful and fun. We have also modernized our checkout system with the use of RFID (radio frequency identification) technology. Thanks to our dedicated staff and the generosity of the Friends of the Libraries, the quality of our collection is improving and growing. We have a lot of programs and events lined up for 2010. To kick off the new year, the Friends of the Temecula Libraries have brought in the Lincoln Exhibit to Grace Mellman Library. We are proud to be part of this exhibit and we are thrilled that we are able to share this with our community.

We are excited that a new manager has been hired for our library and I would like to take this opportunity to thank LSSI for giving me a chance to be interim manager. It has been a remarkable experience. I have learned a lot of things and met a lot of wonderful people along the way. I would like to personally thank Grace Mellman and the rest of the Friends of the Temecula Libraries for their unwavering support to our library, Rosie Vanderhaak and Sylvia Weck for their guidance and of course the wonderful staff of the Grace Mellman Library for their encouragement and cooperation.

The Friends wish to thank Agnes Rita for her interim management of the library and for helping with the remodeling project.

Temecula Library Book Discussion Group

sponsored by Friends of the Temecula Libraries and the Temecula Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women meets from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Temecula Public Library. Contact: Jo-Ann Doran, 951.676.5736 (work), 951.302.5315 (home) or e-mail donjoandoran@verizon.net

January 11: Poetry readings: Each person selects a favorite poem to share.

February 8: *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House* by Jon Meacham.

March 8: *Your Inner Fish: A Journey into the 3.5-Billion Year History of the Human Body* by Neil Shubin.

April 12: *My One and Only: The Special Experience of the Only Child* by Ellie McGrath.

May 10: *The Sea* by John Banville.

June 14: *Stanley: The Impossible Life of Africa's Greatest Explorer* by Tim Jeal.

Jane Austen Study Group will be meeting in February, March, April and May at the Temecula Public Library, 30600 Pauba Road. Please contact Rebecca, 951.595.7046 or e-mail temausten@hotmail.com for dates and times.

February: *The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen* by Syrie James.

March: *A Truth Universally Acknowledged: 33 Great Writers on Why We Read Jane Austen* edited by Susannah Carson.

April: *Jane's Fame: How Jane Austen Conquered the World* by Claire Harman.

May: *Emma*, Box Hills Picnic Film Retrospective.

Novel Writing Group meets the third Saturday of January, February and March from 12 to 2 p.m. at Grace Mellman Library, 41000 County Center Drive. Contact Diann, e-mail kalindtia@gmail.com

Grace Mellman Library Book Group (formerly known as the Fourth Monday Book Group) is ushering in the new year with some fresh and exciting titles. Please be sure to join us on the 4th Monday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Grace Mellman Library, 41000 County Center Drive. For more information please contact Kathryn, 951.943-6241 or e-mail kathryn.miller@rivlib.net.

ARTISTS IN THE ROTUNDA

January	Friends of the Libraries	Mr. Lincoln
February	Rodney Johnson	Photo Digital/mixedmedia
March	Ashley Hill	Animals
April	Helga Batman-Koplin	Flowers/Countryside Scenery
May	John G. Henricks	Landscape/Seascape
June	Marie Mulvhill & Students	Water Theme

WINE IN THE STACKS

by Deborah Poole, Adult Program Chairperson

Recently, the Temecula Public Library acquired, through the donation of a generous man, an impressive collection of books on wine. These books on wine are now available to library patrons to enjoy. There are over 1,000 titles in this vast wine book collection. You can find them near the study and meeting rooms at the rear of the library. Their shelving is clearly marked 'WINE.' Some of the more distinguished books have been placed in the Rare Book Collection.

We thank Bob Foster, who is from the San Diego area, for this exquisite collection of books on wine. Reference Librarian, Jo Daugherty along with Head of the Reference Department, Matilda Flores, have been working closely with Bob Foster to assure a safe sanctuary for this aggregate of his beloved books.

Temecula Public Library Branch Manager, Rosie Vanderhaak, and the Friends of the Temecula Libraries Adult Program Committee are planning a special evening of cheese tasting with wine in the stacks. The event will be held to commemorate this acquisition of these wine books. This is a special treat to those of us living in Southern California Wine Country.

Please join us on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. together with public officials and representatives of local organizations for this 'By Invitation Only' event. Look for your invitation in the mail later this year. Come meet our Guest-of-Honor, Mr. Bob Foster, and toast him with the following: Here's to the corkscrew – a useful key to unlock the storehouse of wit, the treasury of laughter, the front door of fellowship, and the gates of pleasant folly. These words were borrowed from the wine list at Commander's Palace in New Orleans, Louisiana.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Supervisor Jeff Stone



Teresa Gallavan



Grace Mellman



Council Member Edwards, Grace Mellman and Supervisor Stone cut the the ribbon



Face painting by Petals



David Cousins displays his juggling skills

Community dignitaries and local citizens gathered on January 9, 2010 for the grand re-opening of the Grace Mellman Library after its renovation. The event was a huge success with attendance estimated at greater than 1000.

Festivities began with speeches by Riverside County Supervisor Jeff stone, Riverside County Economic Development Agency Cultural Services Manager Teresa Gallavan and Friends of the Temecula Libraries President, Grace Mellman. Following the speeches, Grace Mellman assisted by Temecula City Council Member, Maryann Edwards and Supervisor Stone, cut the ceremonial ribbon officially re-opening the library.

Visitors to the library were provided light refreshments by Embassy Caterers and BoCakes.and were entertained by balloon artist and face painter Petals, juggler David Cousins and magician Jeff Abbit as they had their first chance to see the newly renovated spaces. Also on hand was William Peck portraying Abraham Lincoln in concert with the Lincoln Exhibit on display in the rotunda.



Visitors explore the new computer stations



A lucky fan gets a close up lesson as others look on



A young visitor shows off his face art



Grace Mellman and her daughter display the re-opening cake from BoCakes



The newly refurbished library entrance



Even amid the bustle of the re-opening, readers find a quiet spot in the reading area



Petals creates balloon art

SPECIAL EVENTS



President Lincoln shows youngsters the exhibit



Visitors receive a keepsake Lincoln penny



Rebecca Weersing reads the Emancipation Proclamation at the opening of the Lincoln exhibit



Politicians share a quiet moment, Supervisor Stone with President Lincoln



Rebecca Weersing displays the beautiful Lincoln cake provided by BoCakes



Mr. Lincoln with some modern day constituents

FULL MOON - FULL HOUSE - MEET THE AUTHOR - T. JEFFERSON PARKER

All eyes and ears were on three time Edgar award winning, mystery author, T. Jefferson Parker on Sunday evening, October 4 at 6 p.m. at the Temecula Public Library. The community room was full of enthusiastic readers learning how Jeff (Parker goes by this name) became the creator of sixteen top-selling (some were best-selling on the New York Times Book List) mystery novels which are all based on many Southern California localities and full of local color.



Mr. Parker signs autographs for fans

The Friends of the Temecula Libraries hosted this event and served tamales and non-alcohol margaritas following his fascinating talk. Mr. Parker generously waived his speaking fee for the evening.

“The Renegades,” his latest novel, was the focus of the evening along with many personal anecdotes. Barnes and Noble had a sales associate present and sold many of his books that evening. Jeff autographed them for his many fans.

These live author events are fun and popular. In keeping with “The Renegades” theme, the decorations included sheriff’s crime tape encircling a taped silhouette of a dead body holding a copy of his book.



T. Jefferson Parker and Deborah Poole, Adult Program Chairperson

With the colder weather upon us, we highly recommend any of T. Jefferson Parker’s books for a good winter (or anytime) read. The library has many in the stacks for your enjoyment.

Our FULL MOON EVENT was awesome and T. Jefferson Parker didn’t disappoint. Please, consider attending a Friends’ program soon, along with your neighbors and Friends. You’ll be so glad that you did.

Thoughts from a Volunteer (continued from page 1)

A key component to the successful delivery of quality library services to the community was the continued operation of the Grace Mellman Library. The two libraries would complement and support each other.

The design team worked countless hours preparing a grant application for state funding through the Library Bond Act of 2000, refining the building and technology designs, and making final selections of colors, fabrics and finishes. Almost ten years after beginning the process, the community was rewarded with the ribbon cutting that inaugurated the Temecula Public Library in December 2006.

With its vaulted ceilings, expansive windows and open floor plan, the library is warm and inviting to visitors. People have a feeling of welcome and comfort as they enter the space. It encourages exploration of the many amenities offered. The two libraries continue to service an unprecedented number of new library patrons each month and together they account for over one-third of the county library system's circulation. These statistics are indications that our libraries are changing people's lives for the better.

My own life continues to change, too. I retired from the City of Temecula earlier in 2009 and knew that one of the first things I would do was sign up as a volunteer at the Temecula Public Library. Now on most Friday mornings you will find me, along with my husband, Michael, pushing book trucks through the stacks, shelving recently returned books.

I am surprised to have so many opportunities to interact with library users in my role as a volunteer. On my first day I was approached by a rather baffled-looking father and his middle school age son. The son wanted a specific book and his father asked if I could help them locate it. Moving to the Young Adult area, I found the book and handed it to the young man. His face lit up with the anticipation of the hours of enjoyment its pages promised. As they thanked me and turned to go, I reflected on how thankful I am that young people still value reading and that our libraries fulfill their desire to read.

Teenagers share with me some of their favorite books as they peruse the offerings on my cart to see if there is anything there they may want to explore. Patrons have asked me how to locate a special book they can't seem to find and still others seek my assistance to log onto the public computers. I have been able to help people get their selections from the "holds" at the circulation desk or use the self-checkout system. I am even approached with the question, "What is a really great book that you can recommend; you know, one you just couldn't put down?" I am reminded that those who love books and ideas share a special bond no matter the differences in age, gender, interests or education. I hope that within these

interactions I play a small role in the growth and development that takes place when people experience new ideas.

Michael's idea of libraries has changed as part of his volunteer experience. He remembered them as sterile, lifeless places where no one talked above a whisper. He now sees the library as a lovely environment filled with light and activity. At first, he was surprised by the number of users and the life the facility seems to take on when the doors are opened to the public. Recognizing many regular library users, settled into favorite study carrels or stuffed chairs, he is now able to offer a friendly hello as he pushes his book truck to the next section of stacks.



Phyllis and Michael Ruse

An added and unexpected bonus for both of us has been the chance to review and check out books we would not have noticed had they not been on our book trucks for re-shelving. It is like getting a recommendation from an unknown fellow book lover. I wonder what the previous reader thought as she read the same words and if it changed how she thinks about the subject matter.

One of the first tasks facing the library design team all those years ago was to develop a mission statement for the new library

that was then only a distant dream. The mission statement that was born of that effort was: "A place to explore, a place to learn, a place to discover old traditions and new opportunities"

A major design element at the Temecula Public Library is the parking lot timeline which recounts many of the important historic events of the Temecula valley and symbolizes our rich heritage – our past. As one approaches the library doors, the future promises to unfold through the exploration, learning and discovery that await the visitor just beyond the threshold. Michael sees the libraries as an important thread in the lives of so many people in the community. I am grateful to see the mission statement lived out every day in peoples' lives.

Temecula Public Library Awarded Landscape Design Commendation

California Garden Clubs, Inc. President Maryanne Lucas presented a Landscape Design Commendation to the City of Temecula for the gardens surrounding its library. The ceremony took place in the Temecula Public Library, August 12, 2009.

A special presentation was made to Arash Izad, Associate at LPA, Inc. He was the project manager and received an Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture.

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Cutest Dog in Town at the Grace Mellman Library by Agnes Rita, Event Organizer

Last July 18, we hosted our first annual "Cutest Dog in Town Contest" at the Grace Mellman Library. Our contest was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Temecula Libraries. We had 31 doggie contestants and over 130 people that attended the event. Four winners were chosen: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and People's choice. The judges were Grace Mellman, president of the Friends of the Temecula Libraries; Sylvia Weck, zone manager for the Riverside County Library System and Sandy Dodson who is a longtime Temecula resident and businessman. The contestants were judged based on their personality, stage presence, background story and of course their cuteness! The winners were:



1st Place: Banjo (Pomeranian) with owner Nancy Pearson (right) and Grace Mellman



2nd Place: Daisy (Old English Sheepdog) with owner Kiersten Melville (right) and Sylvia Weck



3rd Place: Daisy (Chihuahua) with owner Anne Zuna (left) and Agnes Rita



People's Choice: Coco Chanel (Eskimo Pie) with owner Robin Facer (right) and Sandy Dodson

We also had a free drawing for the audience; the prizes were donated by the Friends of the Temecula Libraries, Laundered Mutt, Camp Bow Wow, Sandy Brautigam and Michelle Dodson. We also had informational booths from the Delta Society for therapy dogs, Pet Haven Rescue, Animal Friends of the Valleys and Camp Bow Wow. Everyone enjoyed the program and the dog owners were happy to show-off their beloved pets. Our event was a success and hopefully we will be able to do it again next year!

LOCATIONS/HOURS



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Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday 10 am - 6 pm
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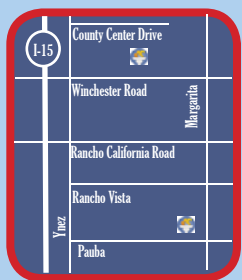
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www.friendsofthetemeculalibraries.com.

Remember this address! Log on often, for here you will find the most current information about the many wonderful activities and programs available at the Temecula Libraries.

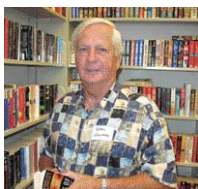


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BOOKSTORES REPORT

by Stan Williams, Bookstores Manager

Our annual book sale in October was a great success. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the sale. We are very proud of the connections we have with Book Lovers in our area. The funds raised at the bookstores and the sale are used to provide books and programs for our two libraries.

When visiting the Temecula Public Library please check out the Friends bookstore for bargain prices- both inside and out. Our Specials vary from time to time and are worth checking.

With the Official Re-opening of the Grace Mellman Library and the Lincoln Exhibit we will be offering some special events and sales at the bookstores.

There is always a need for Childrens picture books and the Adult section needs classics.

We truly appreciate the donations of "gently used books, CDs, DVDs and VCR tapes". If you have a large donation and need pick up please call Stan at 951-699-1056.

SCRAPBOOK ITEMS WANTED

Libraries change lives and the support of the Friends of the Temecula Libraries helps provide our local libraries the tools to make those changes. Please help us document our role by donating any newspaper or magazine articles, photos, flyers, programs or other materials you may have related to Friends' activities for inclusion in our historical records.

If you have donations, please call Sharon Cooney at 951.694.3019 or leave the items at the Temecula Library Friends Bookstore. Please include as much information as possible about the item.