



The Torch



Friends of the Temecula Libraries

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



Grace Mellman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The members of the Friends of the Temecula Libraries exemplify the spirit of giving to the community all through the

year. Some of the ways in which we are able to provide library support is by volunteering in the libraries and the bookstores, serving on various committees and on the Friends Board of Directors and by making financial contributions.

A special insert recognizing all of our loyal members is included in this newsletter. Our members make it possible for the Friends to sponsor all of the children's, teens and family programs that are offered at the libraries and to purchase some of the books, materials, equipment and supplies. I want to welcome our new members and express genuine appreciation to our Life members and renewing members. Because of you, the Friends are able to offer wonderful literary adventures for you and your families.

During this unprecedented economic downturn, we realize that people will need library services more than ever. The Friends are committed to doing our part to help keep library services and programs available for the residents of our community.

In addition to the many children's, teens and family programs, three major events are planned. A reception for local artists who have exhibited their work in the rotunda at the Grace Mellman Library will be held in December; the city-wide reading program Temecula Reads! Lincoln will begin in February and the Friends' 30th Birthday will be celebrated in April.

These are just a few highlights — 2009 promises to be a terrific year! Each one of our programs has been chosen to provide an enjoyable learning experience for the patrons of both Temecula libraries. We thank you again for helping the Friends give to the community. We look forward to seeing you at the libraries.

Warmest Holiday Wishes.

WINTER/SPRING 2008-2009

DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

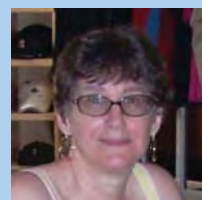
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- Stan Williams . .Second Vice President
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- Dr. Harriet EgertsonDirector
- Dr. Don MyrenDirector
- Betty RyanDirector
- Lee RyzewskiDirector

New member appointed to Friends' Board

A native Californian, Sue Zane grew up in Anaheim. She worked at the Anaheim Public Library for many years, and later joined the Federal Civil Service as a Human Resources Specialist for the Department of the Navy. Sue and her husband, Lloyd, moved to Temecula in 1996. They both retired from Federal Service in 2003.

These days, Sue spends most of her time working in the Friends of the Temecula Libraries' bookstores. In addition, she has been performing the duties of Membership Chairperson for the Friends since January 2008. In her spare time, Sue loves to cook, bake and read Mystery novels.



A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGERS...



Rosie Vanderbaak
Temecula Public Library

The gift of giving has never been more important than in these uncertain times. The New Year will bring with it the promise of a new president and the challenges of tackling the economy and world affairs. With the current economy, our libraries will see more customers than ever. Demand for job search materials and reference assistance will increase as well as the number of families looking for educational materials and recreational opportunities for their children. Our efforts to provide the newest and most asked for materials for our community will be challenging as more people flock to use the free borrowing and Internet services available.

The generous gifts of volunteers and funding that the Friends of the Temecula Libraries give to the library will enable the Temecula Public Library to continue its high standards of programming and providing new books for our community. Our "Army" of volunteers is a gift that allows us to provide exceptional customer service to over 40,000 customers each month. Helping hands shelve and mend books; provide help with story times; maintain our local history newspaper files and keep the wonderful book store open six days a week. The Friends gift of financial support allows us to provide more than 40 outstanding programs for teens, children and their families every month; this gift also enables us to greatly supplement our collections. More than three thousand children and teens were able to participate in summer programs because of this generosity. The Friends gift of promoting literacy and love of libraries is truly the greatest gift of all!



Emily Gerstbacher
Grace Mellman Library

Contributions made by the Friends of the Temecula Libraries to the community are experienced in the gifts, volunteers, programs, material enhancements and spirit spread so generously through the Grace Mellman Library.

The goal of the Grace Mellman Library is to provide balanced, up-to-date material that enriches the information and literary needs of the community and to promote the gift of literacy to all ages. The Friends contributions support and enhance the library's ability to offer such a beacon of life in the community.

Our volunteers who shelve, clean and mend books do so with a generous spirit. The Friends-funded family programs offered monthly highlight reading and promote the habit and value of regular library visits. The corps of bookstore volunteers who devotedly offer time maintaining a smooth operation give strength and support to our library community. The many gifts of our Friends touch library visitors, staff and the community.

Changes are coming to Grace Mellman

No, not to the president of the Friends of the Library -- to the Grace Mellman Library! Refurbishment of the county Temecula library, re-named in honor of Grace Mellman and her years of support of public libraries, is set to begin this winter and will span two years. The first part of the project tackles exterior improvements. A new paint job, improved exterior lighting, a re-do of the irrigation system, and landscaping with plants that are hardy, beautiful and water-wise are all part of the plan. A new sign, designating the library as the Grace Mellman Library, is already in place.



Nancy Johnson
Riverside County Librarian

Phase two will freshen and up-date the interior. While the scope of work has not been fully determined, re-carpeting, reconfiguring the public service desks to accommodate 21st century technology, creating a comfortable teen area, partitioning off a "quiet room" for those who seek respite from distraction, up-dating the community room, creating a new and more dramatic beanstalk for children's room fixture Jack to climb, more comfortable reading space for preschoolers and parents, additional staff offices and relocation of the Internet computers are all on the wish list.

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

We offer our thanks and appreciation to the following community Donors

BOOK FRIENDS

In Memory of the following Friends' Members:

Jack Gordon
Freda Kallman
Irene Robertson
Dr. Vance Tschanz
Virginia Watanabe
Given by Friends of the Temecula Libraries

In Memory of Freda Kallman
Given by Marlene A. Stites

In Memory of Dick Rafferty
Given by Ray & Rosemary Smith

In Memory of Irene Robertson
Given by Iris Abernathy

In Memory of Virginia 'Ginger' Watanabe
Given by:
Kathy Hoagland
Paula Huemer
Althea Lee
Rancho Vista Bunco Buddies
Senior Aerobic Class of 24-7 Fitness Center,
Temecula

In Memory of Mae Craven
Given by Bonnie Rizzuto

In Honor of Andrea Qualm
Given by Donna Webster

DONATIONS

Children's Programs

Albertson's Foundation
Assisteens Auxiliary
Robert & Marilyn Powell
Temecula Valley Woman's Club
Debbie Janow

Endowment Fund

Karen Bentley & Jim Coleman

Where Needed Most

Paisley & Kerry Cato
Dorothe Hansen
Marjorie Gregory
Susan Paredes
Marlene A. Stites: In Memory of Freda Kallman

Grants

Albertsons' Foundation
ExxonMobil Foundation

Grace Mellman Library Refurbishing

Given by William Kinnick

Assisteens

The graduating seniors from Assisteens, a division of the Assistance League of Temecula Valley, presented a check in the amount of \$1,250.00 to the Friends of the Temecula Libraries. These funds are designated to be used for children's programs.



Photo: Left to right: Natalie Walwick, Elizabeth Ertel, Pilar Plummer, Holly Polhill and Andrea Bergman.

*Yes! I want to become a **Book Friend***

Please accept my contribution of: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \$ _____

I would like my books to be for: ADULTS CHILDREN

Book Plate to read: _____

Donor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ email: _____


Send acknowledgement to: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

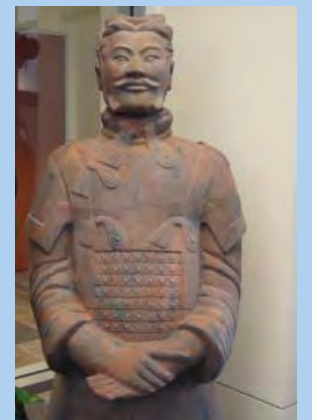
Make checks payable to Friends of the Temecula Libraries
and mail to: P.O. Box 817, Temecula, CA 92593

All Contributions are Tax Deductible. Non-Profit 501(c)(3). Tax ID# 953374803



Special Gift from the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce

This replica of a terra cotta warrior general was given to the City of Temecula by the Temecula Chamber of Commerce in honor of their visit to China in 2008. This is the latest addition of public art in the city and is located at the Temecula Public Library



TEMECULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jane Austen Study Group

Location: Temecula Public Library Heritage Room
 Meeting Dates: Wednesdays—February 4, March 4, April 1 and May 6
 Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Contact: Rebecca, e-mail temausten@hotmail.com or cell 951-760-0332

TOPIC OF STUDY: Sanditon, her last fiction, an incomplete novel. “At the end of 1816 there was a remission in Jane Austen’s illness, and on 27 January 1817 she felt well enough to start work on another novel, that now is known to us as Sandition. Over the next few weeks she wrote about 24,000 words, divided into twelve chapters, of what was evidently going to be a long and wickedly comical tale concerning a group of seaside residents, some hopeful, some foolish, some cunning, but all interested in making money by developing their little fishing village into a smart holiday resort. These twelve chapters introduce a long list of characters, and end with the first indication of some kind of intrigue between two of them; but, after the date of ‘March 18’ at the top of the last page, the rest of it is blank.” [This description is taken from Jane Austen: The World of Her Novels by Deirdre Le Faye.]

Studies in Philosophy

Location: Temecula Public Library Heritage Room
 Meeting Dates: Sundays – January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21
 Meeting Time: 2 to 4 p.m.
 Contact: Ron, e-mail ronjoan@earthlink.net or Rebecca, e-mail temeculareads@live.com

TOPIC OF STUDY: A compare and contrast approach to philosophers and their ideas. Below is an example of our format. Topics for 2009 will be available in December.

Moral Sense Theory and Naturalistic Philosophy with Francis Hutcheson and David Hume

What intelligence are we born with, a blank mind or do we come into this world with rational thinking, intuition, and free will, later to gain experience? Where do some actions, which don’t necessarily fit the above, come from? What are the basis for them? Is rational thinking, intuition, and free will just waiting to enter our minds at some point after birth?

FRIENDS READING CLASSICS SCHEDULE

The group meets quarterly. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Temecula Public Library Heritage Room. The reading selection is *The Virginian* by Owen Wister. Upcoming Discussions
 Thursday, March 5 *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
 Thursday, June 4 *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
 Contact: Tom Williams, call 951.302.7995 or e-mail gemstones8@aol.com

GRACE MELLMAN LIBRARY

Second Monday Book Group

The Second Monday book group meets monthly from 2 to 4 p.m. in the community room of the Grace Mellman Library.

The group is co-chaired by Kathryn Miller, Adult Reference Supervisor and Melodie Earrickson, Southwest Riverside Literacy Coordinator.

Selected titles include:

- January *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving
- February *Timeline* by Michael Crichton
- March *A Salty Piece of Land* by Jimmy Buffett
- April *Happy Families* by Carlos Fuentes
- May *The Prince of Frogtown* by Rick Bragg

Prior to the discussion featured books are available at the library’s circulation desk.

Join us for lively conversation and refreshments.

NEW READER’S BEST FRIEND

Budding young readers can practice their new reading skills by reading aloud to a licensed therapy dog at both Temecula libraries. Children may select a book of their choice from the library’s collection to share in the Story Room with one of the library’s canine volunteers. Reading aloud to a therapy dog who can be a new reader’s “best friend & listener” improves not only a child’s self esteem and confidence, but their reading scores as well.



The Temecula Public Library hosts the Paws to Read program featuring certified dogs from Therapy Dogs International and Love on a Leash on Saturday mornings. The Grace Mellman Library features the Delta Society Pet Partner’s Program, R.E.A.D.,

at 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Please call in advance to schedule an appointment for your child to read to one of our furry friends!

(951) 693-8980 Temecula Public Library
 (951) 296-3893 Grace Mellman Library

Photos courtesy of Steven Thornton and [The Californian](#).

SPECIAL EVENTS



Welcoming Banner



Happy Volunteers



The Colony Staff

Bookstore Volunteer Party

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the Bookstores Volunteer Appreciation party which was held on October 1st at the Colony Golf Course. The food, refreshments and service were first rate. Many thanks to Lisa Pilgrim and the Colony Golf Course staff — they helped to make our party a memorable event. We also want to extend thanks to the Temecula Valley Wine Association and the Riverside Wine Competition for donating the delicious wine. Lynda Norris, Friends' member and talented pianist, entertained all of the guests with beautiful piano selections. Thanks Lynda!!



*Stan Williams
Bookstores Manager*



*Grace Mellman
President*



Lynda Norris Entertains



Happy Librarians



Happy Volunteers

**FRIENDS BOOKSTORES HAVE RAISED \$750,000 FOR TEMECULA LIBRARIES
(since 1994)**

Photos by Jack Leathers



A father spends quality time reading with his children during the Summer Reading Program



2009/2010 Temecula Reads! Lincoln

The 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln is Thursday, February 12. Our third city-wide read will honor one of our country's most remarkable presidents. Given the historical times of our 16th president, we will devote an entire year to Temecula Reads! Lincoln.



We are privileged to be one of forty venues in the country to be selected to host Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America. This traveling exhibit was created by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum and is supported by the We the People program of the National Endowment for the Humanities and by the History Channel.

Our letter of confirmation says that "the exhibition documents the journey taken by Abraham Lincoln from frontier obscurity to our nation's presidency through a combination of images, objects, and the written word. Educational materials, a printed exhibition companion, a film series curated by the Tribeca Film Institute, and a reading discussion program organized by the American Library Association complement the exhibition."

The Lincoln Museum in Springfield has already begun sending us materials related to the Traveling Exhibit (our dates: December 29, 2009 to January 22, 2010). To help teach the youth in our community about his life, we will receive CD's of lesson plans, posters, and videos of workshops taught at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum. The Museum's plan is to schedule some webinar workshops for local teachers to participate in as well.

Beginning in February 2009 and continuing until February 2010, there will be many events offered to the community. Please visit the Friends of the Temecula Libraries website at www.friendsofthetemeculalibraries.com for dates and times beginning in mid-January 2009.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF GIVING!

Since 1979, the Friends have been carrying the torch for wisdom and knowledge and sparking imaginations in our libraries.

Celebrate with us on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at both The Grace Mellman Library and The Temecula Public Library as we spread the flame of giving with the Temecula community.

From 11 A.M. until 3 P.M. please join us for birthday cake and socializing. All ages will enjoy making their own personalized party hats with the The Rad Hatter and his interactive art that day.



The brilliant actors of The Shakespeare in the Vines troupe will provide fanciful entertainment for us in 19th century costumes whilst they perform lines from The Bard.

The Friends are charged up! You could win one of two KINDLES - the wireless reading device by Amazon. That day, each library will hold a FREE drawing for a KINDLE. Downloading books is HOT!

Join us on Saturday, April 18, 2009 in making our 30th year a brilliant memory and part of our illuminating heritage.

Contact Deborah Poole, Chairperson at debbiekp@mac.com or phone 951.302.5727 with questions or to be a Friends' volunteer that day. We can really use your help.

Tech Trek Scholarship Winners

The Temecula Valley Branch of American Association of University Women with the Friends of the Temecula Libraries recently held a meeting featuring scholarship recipients who attended Tech Trek, a math, science and technology camp held at UCSD this summer.



Pictured are Sandy DiSario, former camp director, Nitara Tarqui, camper, Bella Vista Middle School; Cheryl Utley, camp Mom; Ashlie Dix, camper, Temecula Middle School; Alisa Loiselle, camper, Thompson Middle School; Virginia Seaton, camp director; and Sophie Figueroa, camper Bella Vista Middle School.

Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are. - Mason Cooley

Local Artists Honored

Simonne Arnould, coordinator of the art exhibits displayed in the rotunda of the Grace Mellman Library, will host a December reception honoring the artists featured over the past two years. The reception scheduled for **December 13 at 10:30 A.M.**, presents a venue for the artists to meet and offers the Friends of the Temecula Libraries an opportunity to thank our local artists for their contribution to community enrichment.

For additional information contact Simonne Arnould at 951.677.4272



Simonne Arnould

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND THANKS TO OUR RENEWING MEMBERS

By Sue Zane, Membership Chairperson

We welcome our new members to our Friends of the Temecula Libraries family. We hope that you will enjoy your membership, and will become involved in all that our two fine Temecula libraries have to offer. We also sincerely thank our renewing members for your continuing support. It is your generosity over the years that has enabled the Friends to provide uninterrupted support to the Temecula libraries.

The following list reflects new and renewing members from May 26 through October 31, 2008. **Denotes New Member.*

SUPER

Dr. Harriet & Dr. Erick Egertson
John Moramarco
Robert & Marilyn Powell
Donna E. Webster

Ralph & Betty Domanski
Earl & Pauline Fields
Pat Gammie
Clint Harper
Joe & Margaret Hohenberger
Paul & Linda Jacobs

Lania Finegold
Jerri Franco
Marjorie Gregory
Dorothe Hansen
M. R. Hayek
Jan Janicek
Barbara Lamb *
Charlotte Montgomery
Bonnie Rizzuto
Gera Thole
Margaret Ustick
Lila Verdin

BUSINESS

Community Little Book Inc.
Kuebler, Prudhomme & Co.
Peck Creative
Strachota Insurance Agency

Debbie Janow
Shirley J. Johnson
Frank & Bette Kimbro
Ron & LaDonna Klaus
Don & J. Roby Laurence *
Bill & Pat Mauter
Kathleen & James Peacock
Joan & Ted Price
Lee Rysewski
George & Florence Unkeless

SUPPORTING

Paisley & Kerry Cato
Dr. & Mrs. Joel S. Kvitky
Will & Joan Sparkman

FAMILY

Gene & Charlene Adams
Mary Albertson *
Karen Bentley & Jim Coleman
Lloyd & Sue Bradshaw
Jim & Carol Brady

INDIVIDUAL

Phyllis Bettelheim
Beverly Carlson
Candy Cooper*
Shari Crall
Jane Crossland

IN MEMORIAM

We offer heartfelt condolences to the families of the following Friends' members.

Jack Gordon
Freda Kallman
Irene Robertson
Vance Tschanz, M.D.
Virginia Watanabe

Friends of the Temecula Libraries Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Check here to receive Friends' updates via E-Mail

Select a Membership Level

- Individual \$20
- Family \$30
- Supporting \$50
- Business \$100
- Super Friend \$100
- Life \$250

This is a: New Membership Renewal



Additional Contributions:

I have enclosed an additional contribution of \$_____ for:

Children's Programs Adult Programs Library Endowment Fund Where Needed Most

Volunteer Opportunities:

There are many ways to put your talents into action. Please check the items for which you have interest. You will be contacted shortly.

Book Store Membership Hospitality Adult Programs Newsletter Shelving Children's Programs
 Other

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Temecula Libraries or FOTL and mail to:
Friends of the Temecula Libraries, Post Office Box 817, Temecula, CA 92593

Thank you for your support!

LOCATIONS/HOURS



TEMECULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

30600 Pauba Road 951.693.8900

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
 Friday 10 am - 6 pm
 Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
 Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday - Saturday . . . 10 am - 4 pm
 Sunday closed

693.8990



GRACE MELLMAN LIBRARY

41000 County Center Drive

Renewals/ Information .951.296.3893

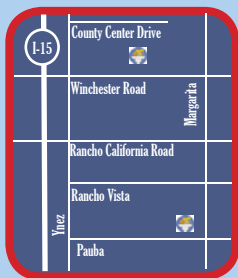
LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 12 Noon - 9 pm
 Tuesday & Wednesday .10 am - 6 pm
 Thursday & Friday . .12 Noon - 5 pm
 Saturday 10 pm - 3 pm
 Sunday closed

BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday - Saturday . . . 10 am - 4 pm
 Sunday closed

951.296.3737



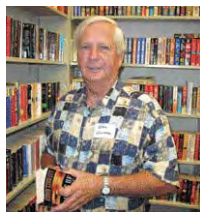
QUARTERLY NEWS ON THE WEB . . .

The News is now available to read on the web. Check out the Libraries' Website at:

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.

BOOKSTORES REPORT



by Stan Williams,
 Bookstores Manager

The Annual Sidewalk Book Sale which was held on October 18th was a huge success! SPECIAL THANKS to all of our volunteers. You are the best!

Both stores are always in need of your gently used books of all types and subjects, hardbacks and paperbacks, VCR tapes, DVDs and CDs. You can bring your donations to either bookstore, or for pickup of large donations, just call Stan at 951.699.1056. We are a volunteer group, and all the proceeds from the bookstores are used to benefit the libraries and their programs. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Christmas books went on sale the first week of November this year. Both stores are offering some nicely bound new classic books, some still in plastic coverings, at \$5.00 each. They make nice gifts.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! If you have a few hours to spare and would like to volunteer at one of the Friends' Bookstores, call Gera at 951.587.8689 or Merry at 951.693.1713.



SCRAPBOOK ITEMS WANTED

The Historian is collecting items for inclusion in the Friends' scrapbook. If you have newspaper/magazine articles, photos, programs, flyers, or other materials about Friends' activities and events that would be suitable for our historical records, call Sharon Cooney at 951.694.3019 or leave the items at the Temecula Library Friends Bookstore. Please include correctly spelled names of persons in photos and dates for all items.



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