

FOREWORD



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*Please join us at the Annual meeting of the Friends of the Palo Alto Library
With Special Guest Speaker*

Nancy Cassidy



Follow Your Muse

Nancy Cassidy will talk about how she became interested in her craft becoming more and more involved with singing, songwriting and performing. Come and be inspired to follow your muse!

**Thursday, October 18, 2007
7:00 pm
Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium
1313 Newell Road**

Nancy Cassidy, a singer and songwriter has delighted audiences of all ages over the past 30 years with her warm and engaging voice and wide variety of songs. She has delighted children of all ages with her selection of traditional, original and contemporary songs and touched adults with her original songs expressing her perceptions, feelings and life experiences of being a daughter, wife and mom three CD's of folk music recordings.

**Free and open to the public-
Refreshments provided**

News

Children's Library Re-Opens September 29



The newly renovated and expanded Children's Library is ready to re-open on Saturday, September 29, 2007. The building has undergone an extensive 21-month structural upgrade and has a new addition of dedicated program space featuring folding doors that lead into an enclosed garden. Children's librarians are excited about reading stories to children in such a remarkable space.

We hope many of you were able to go to, or will go to if you receive this Foreword edition before September 29, the special events scheduled on Saturday, September 29 from 10am – 5pm.

- Children's Red Wagon Parade to return books from the Main Library to the Children's Library at 10 a.m.
- Ribbon cutting with Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto at 10:30 a.m.
- Unveiling of the new mural by Jeff Petersen at 10:45 a.m.
- Author talk by Dave Keane, author of *Joe Sherlock, Kid Detective* series at 11:00 a.m.
- Afternoon music performances by the Wing String Thing at 1:00 p.m. and Hey, Mom! 3:00 p.m.
- Refreshments and fun activities all day
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The Children's Library renovation was made possible in a large part by the community's generous donations to the Friends of the Palo Alto Library and the Palo Alto Library Foundation.

If you haven't had a chance to do so already, please take some time to make a visit to the wonderful, new Children's Library.

Melinda Wing
Youth Services Manager
Palo Alto City Library

Hot Off the Shelf

Hot Off the Shelf is a newsletter from the reference librarians at the Library. The newsletter comes out six times per year. Each issue is thematic and highlights Library materials, resources, classes and programs.

The theme of the September/October issue is Staying Green @ The Library. Past issues have presented information on personal finance, ebooks, and genealogy resources.

To subscribe, send an email to: libraryreference@cityofpaloalto.org

Countdown...



FOPAL's
Annual Members
Early Sale

November 10

See page 5 for more details.

Book Sale News

Student Volunteers Save Us!

For several years now, Friends has enjoyed having student volunteers help us with our book sale operations. It's always great to have their help. But this summer we hit the jackpot! Over thirty students came in and worked shoulder to shoulder with us and did all sorts of wonderful work.

Probably the thing they'll remember most is moving hundreds of boxes of books. They were such good sports as they loaded heavy boxes full of books onto book carts (some in rather wobbly condition), taking them down a ramp and pushing them over rough, uneven pavement in the hot summer sun to our other building and then unloading each box at its own section. That is hot heavy work, but they did not complain as they made repeated trips.

Our student volunteers also flattened cardboard boxes for recycling. I loved the scene when one day a group of girls tossed onto the pavement all of our empty boxes that donors had brought in full of books and then sat in the shade in a circle flattening them, all the while talking and laughing. (We always have LOTS of empty boxes so help yourself if you need some.)

They hauled boxes of discarded hardback books across campus to be recycling. They redid the signage in our Bargain Room -- a much needed improvement. Some of them even priced our more special books on the Internet.

Our student volunteers were an immense help, especially valuable at a time when so many of our regular volunteers are in and out of town on summer holiday.

We sincerely thank each of them for all their help. The names of OUR SUMMER HEROES are listed below!

Greg Albrecht
Ananya Anand
Namrata Anand
Erez, Arnon
Faith Cabanilla
Ranilla Cabanilla
Lu Cheng
Rachel Chow
Annie Ciciarelli
Eric Chung
Andrew Chung
Bret Dano
Daniel Enriquez

Martha George
Kathleen Higgins
Susan & Claire Kirby
Vrinda Khanna
Ami Kumar
Robyn Latchford
Annie Lui
Gillian Lui
Pam Maggini
Cory McCroskey
Paulette McCroskey
Sasha Mikhailova

Jennifer Miksanek
Daniella Mizarahi
Jay Mohan
Paul Mosley
Rajan Narang
Ryan Petigura
Veronica Polivanaya
Sarah Urban
Nancy Wang
Ethan Yung
Alicia Zhao
Victor Zhu

Book Sale News

Book Sale Happenings



- City of Palo Alto librarians are enthusiastic about our sale. They are welcome guests at our Friday pre-sale luncheons when we call a time-out during the day's hectic preparations for the weekend sale. We enjoy showing them what we do and the opportunity to become better acquainted.
- FOPAL Board Member Bob Otnes was delighted to find and purchase for just \$25.00 a book, the dust jacket of which his brother designed and which featured some of his brother's art work.
- There is an unconfirmed report making the rounds that some months ago one of our customers purchased a French art book for \$1.00 in the Bargain Room and turned around and sold it for \$5,000 on ebay. This just suggests how a knowledgeable buyer can capitalize on our inexperience (or as one of our bluntly-speaking buyers put it, "our stupidity.") More power to y'all.
- We were delighted to learn that one of our customers recently found a book on our shelves on early California Indians. She bought it and took it to a woman who is an Indian herself who, in turn, found a picture of herself as a child in the book. This proved her status as a member of a particular tribe, something she had been trying to establish for some time, and allowed her to begin sharing in the benefits the tribe was receiving from gambling operations on their ancient tribal lands. One never knows what a book sale leads to!
- During a recent sale one of our customers approached the cashier clutching a single book and grinning broadly. It turned out that she had found a book written by her grandfather who authored lovely books for children about western history, and he had signed this one. How often do you find a kid's book signed by the author? It was as though it was meant to be, and our buyer was ecstatic.
- Bookroom volunteer Bob Schwaar's German relatives were visiting him and Georgia after tracing the old Route 66 across the Southwest. On visiting the bookroom they spied a wall hanging depicting the old, historic Route 66. They immediately purchased it and took it back with them to the "old country" as a great reminder of their American adventure. How perfect!

News

Members' Early Sale Saturday, November 10



Once a year, we hold a members-early sale, at which members of the Friends of the Palo Alto Library are admitted early to the Main Room sale. The 2007 members-early sale will be on Saturday, November 10.

Life members enter at 9:00 am and can purchase up to 50 books during that first hour.

At 10:00 am, all of our members are admitted and everyone can buy the usual 12 books at a time.

At 11:00 am, the public is admitted. The 12 books at a time limit expires at noon.

The tickets given out at the members-early sale are for the 10 am line, since most people who come early are members of the Friends. Each member will get just one ticket, although members at the \$25 through \$250 levels get to bring in their families. A family consists of one or two adults, plus children. Lifetime members can bring in their spouses.

Regular membership in the Friends is only \$15 (\$10 for students and seniors, \$25 for families) and is fully tax-deductible. Members also receive a discount coupon for the sale, discounts at Books Inc. in the Stanford Shopping Center, and eligibility for the Stanford Federal Credit Union. If you're not a member, you can join the Friends on the day of the book sale. But to save time you can send in the membership form on page 7 or join online at www.friendspaloaltolib.org.

How I Help at the Book Sale?

Can I Volunteer to help at the Book Sale?

Yes, yes, and yes. We always welcome with open arms library lovers and book mavens who would like to volunteer.

What can I do at the Book Sale?

You can:

- **Sort new donations:** enjoy a first look at an amazing assortment of books when they arrive.
- **Work in special subject areas:** share your expertise; expand your knowledge.
- **Pick up donations & move boxes of books:** meet friendly donors; free body-building exercise.
- **Staff our monthly Book Sales:** meet hundreds of fellow Book-a-Holics; contribute to the community; and *experience the thrill of the Marketplace.*
- **And many more jobs:** all fun; with interesting people, flexible hours and great books.

Can I still volunteer if I can't help every week?

Yes, you can. Many of our volunteers come on a certain day each week. Others drop in occasionally and work when they can.

Can students volunteer?

Yes, they can. We have several student volunteers who get school credit for doing community service. They sort books, recycle cardboard, push cartloads of books, arrange shelves, sort CD's, work on the internet, and price. In other words, they are a hard-working bunch!

How do I get more information about volunteering?

Please call 213-8755 or 325-9483.

Friends of the Palo Alto Library Book Group

The Friends of the Palo Alto Library Book Group invite you to join our Book Discussion Group

Our upcoming selections are:

October 11

The Painted Veil by W. Somerset Maugham

Maugham's classic novel of a woman's spiritual awakening.

November 8

Fathers and Sons by Ivan Turgenev

A vivid, timeless depiction of the clash between the older Russian aristocracy and the youthful radicalism that foreshadowed the revolution. This controversial classic offers modern readers much to reflect upon amidst today's tumultuous, changing world.

December 13

The Final Solution by Michael Chabon

A short, suspenseful tale of compassion and wit that reimagines the classic nineteenth-century detective story.

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January 10

Babbitt by Sinclair Lewis

First published in 1922, Babbitt is an authentic modern American classic, a biting satire of middle-American values that retains much of its poignancy today through its protagonist, George F. Babbitt, Lewis's outwardly successful but inwardly unhappy real estate salesman.

February 14

Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario

Seeking to understand why Latina single mothers leave their children to come to the U.S., and why many children undertake the hazardous journey to reunite with them, Nazario traced one family's story.

March 13

Einstein: His Life and Universe by Walter Isaacson

Acclaimed biographer Isaacson examines the remarkable life of Einstein (1879–1955) and reminds us why he remains one of the most celebrated figures of the 20th century.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month in Palo Alto at the Lucie Stern Community Center, Community Room from 7:30-9:00 pm. The address is 1305 Middlefield Road.

Contact Crystal with any questions at cpdove@calalum.org

Everyone is welcome to attend!

FAQ's about the FOPAL Book Group

Q) When, what time, where are the meetings?

A) The meetings are once a month on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 and usually run until 9 pm. We meet in the Palo Alto at Lucie Stern Community Center on Middlefield Road in the Community Room.

Q) How are books chosen?

A) Every April we select the books we will read for the next 11 months. Members bring in book suggestions of books that they have read and enjoyed or would like to read. Then the Book Group as a whole picks the books from the books suggested at the April meeting.

Q) What kind of books have been chosen?

A) We read most anything: fiction, non fiction, travel, biographies, classics, foreign authors, poetry, plays and best sellers. Our only restrictions are that the books should be available in paperback and are under 500 pages.

Q) How are the meetings run?

A) One member, usually the person that suggested the book, is in charge of presenting and leading the discussion. Common formats are to present some research on the author's life and other writings and then to ask the group questions about the book and a general discussion begins.

Q) How big is the group?

A) Depending on the month anywhere from 10 -20 people come to each meeting. We welcome all newcomers.

Q) How do I join?

A) Members should join the Friends of the Palo Alto Library. Then just come to our monthly book discussion group meetings.

Book Sale

Two Days, 3 Rooms, Over 50,000 Books!

2007 Dates

October 13 and 14
November 10 and 11
December 8 and 9

Open Saturday

Children's Room
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bargain Room
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Main Sales Room
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Open Sunday

All Rooms
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Donate Books

Don't Throw Books Away

We find new readers for your old books and other items, raising \$100,000's for the Palo Alto Library.

You Get a Tax-Deduction for Your Donations

We Accept

Books (paperbacks and hardcovers),
Movies (DVD's and Video's), Software,
Games, Music (CD's, Cassettes, Records, Sheet Music)
Other (Artwork, Posters, Pamphlets,
Collectibles, Magazines)

Drop-off Times

Tuesday—Saturday
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

You can also drop off up to one bag or box
(per day) at any Palo Alto library.

Information and Pickups

(650)-493-8054
(650) 213-8755

Book Sale Room and Book Donations Accepted
FOPAL Book Sale Room, Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, (North Entrance)

Friends of the Palo Alto Library Membership Form

I/We would like to join or renew at the following level:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$27 for 2 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$45 for 2 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$18 for 2 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior, 62+ | \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$18 for 2 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter | \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90 for 2 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor | \$100 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$250 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime | \$500 (No dues reminder!) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$1000 | |

We are a public-benefit 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your membership is tax-deductible.

Please return form to:
Friends of the Palo Alto Library
P.O. Box 41
Palo Alto, CA 94302

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Monthly Book Sales: Second Weekend

Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Rd.

Saturday

Main Room: 11 am to 4 pm

(Free tickets to reserve place in line available at 8 am)

Children's (Room K6) & Bargain (Room K7): 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday

All rooms: 1 pm to 4 pm

See www.friendspaloaltolib.org for details

Board of Directors Meeting: Second Wednesday

Cubberley Book Sale Room
4000 Middlefield Road 8:30 to 10:30 am

Book Discussion Group: Second Thursday

Lucie Stern Community Center Community Room
1305 Middlefield Road 7:30 to 9 pm

For information, call Crystal 961-1528 or see
www.fopalbookgroup.homestead.com

Great Books: Second Wednesday

Oak Creek Apartments Club House
1600 Sand Hill Road, Palo Alto. 7:30 to 9:30 pm

For information, call Elsie Taboroff at 493-8629

Library Commission: Fourth Thursday

Council Conference Room, 250 Hamilton Ave. 7 pm

See www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/clerk/schedule.html
to confirm meeting date and time.

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