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PRESIDENT'S LETTER *By Bob Miller*



It is hard for me to realize that summer is almost over. It seems like the day before yesterday that we were setting our clocks forward for Daylight Savings Time. I hope all of you are enjoying a wonderful summer.

The Director of Library Services for the San Mateo County Library, Martin Gomez, accepted a similar position in the Los Angeles Library. A search for his replacement has been underway. I am very pleased to report that Anne-Marie Despain has been appointed Director of Library Service in our County Library System. Anne-Marie is a highly respected library professional with experience in all aspects of library management. She very ably has served as Deputy Director and Acting Director of our San Mateo County Library. She has been very supportive of our county's Friends organizations and has worked closely with us. We welcome Anne-Marie Despain.



DIRECTOR ANNE-MARIE DESPAIN

By now I am sure that most of our readers have seen the new flat screen TV behind the service desk. It is a very attractive

and interesting way to inform our patrons about scheduled programs and other information regarding our library activities. I have received many glowing comments about it and many have expressed appreciation of the Friends for having purchased it for our library.

One reason that the summer seems to be slipping by so quickly is that we have been kept busy with so many great summer programs for all ages, sponsored by FML. They include Story Times for kids of all ages, monthly book discussions, Board Game and Drop-in Chess nights, Internet PC Classes, craft classes and much, much more. One example was the Magic Mike + Annual Award Presentation Party. We saw an amazing magic show followed by the children's End-of-the-Summer-Reading Program party with prizes and refreshments.

The Program Room was filled with kids and adults all having a great time, and Magic Mike didn't make anyone disappear.

Another fun program was the End-of-the-Summer-Adult-Reading-Program get together, where the participants shared descriptions of books that they had read, enjoyed wine, refreshments and good company. There was a raffle with great prizes, including a beautiful quilt donated anonymously. It was won by Yara Kayed. The raffle earned \$195.00 for FML.

Judi Sullivan and her team put on an excellent outdoor bargain book sale. We had many FML helpers, including several first-timers which spread the work load and made it easy for all. We made \$417.00 and three new members joined the Friends.

I urge every reader of the News who is not yet a member to join FML. Membership is inexpensive and you can volunteer to do as much or as little as you wish. To those readers who are members, please be a recruiter. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join with us so that we can continue and expand our good works.

* ANNOUNCING *

PLAYAWAYS

These are fully loaded portable MP3 players, each of which contains an entire book. One outstanding feature is that they will automatically save your place when turned-off. When again turned-on, it continues right where you left off.

Playaways are packaged in VHS cases, with foam inside customized to fit the player. Patrons have to supply their own headphones, and once the battery runs out, they'll have to replace it with their own, single, AAA battery.

The collection of titles will float between county libraries. The same loan rules as Books on CD, and fines will apply.



KILL-A-WATT METER

The Millbrae Library now has a device called a Kill-A-Watt Meter available for patrons to check-out. This device can be used to see how much energy your appliances at home are consuming.

ASIAN ART MUSEUM PASS

It's good for a family of four and may be checked out for one week. Place a hold on this item as it is very popular.

FAMILY EVENTS

Wednesday, September 30 at 10:30 AM

Toddler Yoga with Tiffany Belzer

Mom/Dad/Caregiver and baby (ages 2-5) work together to promote emotional well being with yoga.
Dress comfortably; bring a blanket and a favorite toy.

Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 PM

Dad & Me @ The Library featuring Puppet Art Theater

Come to a puppet show with Dad (or any other very special person!)

Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 PM

Magic Dan & our special Harry Potter Quilt raffle

Enjoy an evening of magic with Magic Dan and we'll be raffling off a spectacular Harry Potter quilt.
(Quilt will be on display in the library beginning October 1. Raffle tickets available for purchase.)

STORYTIMES

Babies and Books Storytime

Friday mornings at 9:30 AM
September 25 – December 11
For ages 0 - 2, with a caregiver

Toddler Time Storytime

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM
September 23 – December 9
For ages 2 - 3 years old, with a caregiver

Pajama Preschool Storytime

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 AM
September 22 – December 8
Wear your pajamas, if you like
For children, ages 3 - 6.

*Children will
soon forget your
presents;
they
will always
remember your
presence.*

Bilingual Chinese/English Preschool Storytime

Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM
September 24 – December 10 *
For children ages 3 - 6 • All languages welcome!
*Note: No bilingual storytime on 10/22, 10/29, 11/5

Fridays @ Four Cafe

Friday afternoons at 4:00 PM
September 25 – December 11
Bring your own cup for cocoa or lemonade
For school-aged children, ages 6 and up

Toddler Dance Party

Friday • October 9 • 9:30 AM
Moms, Dads, and Kids put on your dancin' shoes
We'll be singing and dancing today

ON-GOING EVENTS

Drop-In Chess

Monday nights from 6 – 8 PM
All ages welcome. Beginners to Advanced.
Instruction offered, too

Drop-In Crafts

Second and Fourth Saturdays at 10 –11 AM
Beginning October 10
For ages 7 and up, if younger, parent help required.
Each month a new crafting project will be introduced
Stop by on either Saturday and get crafty

TEEN EVENTS

T3: Teens @ 3:30
Every Wednesday at 3:30 PM
Beginning September 2

No sign-ups. Just drop in and have fun.
Programs intended for Middle-schoolers & up

1st Wednesday of the Month: Board Games
2nd Wednesday of the Month: Wii Games
3rd Wednesday of the Month: Movies**
4th Wednesday of the Month: Surprise Event

** PG-13 permission slip must be turned-in
if under 13

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

1:00 PM the listed Mondays

by MaryStella Flynn



- **September 14** *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*
by Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows
- **October 5** *The Mistress of Spices* by Chitra Divakarui
- **November 2** *The Cleft* by Doris May Lessing
- **December 7** *A Prisoner of Birth* by Jeffery Archer

PLANNING FOR 2010: Immediately following the November 2nd discussion, members will remain for a calendar planning session. Book titles will be suggested and then voted on for inclusion in the Book Discussion Calendar for 2010 which will be distributed to members attending the December 7, 2009 discussion of *A Prisoner Of Birth* by Jeffrey Archer.

The discussion on December 7 will be followed by a Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon. The calendar will also be made available to interested readers throughout the library.

If you can not attend the November 7th meeting and would like to suggest a book, please e-mail your book title and author suggestion to: msvflynn@comcast.net The book discussions are open to all interested readers. Please join us.

AUTUMN CALENDAR OF THE MILLBRAE LIBRARY'S ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY

September 16 and October 21, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Monthly series, 3rd Wednesdays of the month
Sign-up for a twenty minute 1-on-1 consultation with a volunteer attorney

FINANCIAL SEMINARS

CRISIS TO CONFIDENCE and
KEY ISSUES FOR SUCCESSFUL RETIREMENT INCOME

Saturday, September 19 and 26, 2:00 PM
by George Wei, PhD

INVESTMENT FRAUD PROGRAM: "*FINANCIAL ABUSE IS A CRIME*"
Thursday, September 24, 1:00-2:00 PM

A video from California's Attorney General's Office with follow-up questions and answers
Presented by *Seniors Against Investment Fraud*

AUTHOR CHITRA BANERJEE DIVAKARUNI • Discussing her novel *The Mistress of Spices*

Inaugural Event for 2009 "One Book One Community: San Mateo County Reads"
Thursday, October 1, 7:00 PM San Mateo Performing Arts Center

HOLISTIC HENNA

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 PM
(This program is for teens)

THE FOODS OF INDIA: Presented by Daxa Patel
Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 PM

A tasting event and history of 3 Indian finger-foods and a beverage

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM: *EASY NUTRITION TIPS FOR SAVVY SENIORS*
Thursday, November 5, 1:00 PM

Presented by Gerda Endemann,
B.S. in Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics, UC Berkeley Ph.D. in Nutritional Biochemistry and Metabolism from M.I.T.

ELDER CARE WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 14, 2:00 PM
(Watch in the library announcements for additional information)

MASTER GARDENERS PROGRAM: *NO DIG GARDEN*
Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 PM

Co-sponsored with the City of Millbrae Environmental Programs
Presenters: Dalia Wood and Heather Marano

OUTDOOR BARGAIN BOOK SALE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY YARD SALE
Saturday, October 10 – 10 AM to 4 PM

FRIENDS' BIG BOOK/MEDIA SALE • FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY
December 4 – 3 to 6 PM • Preview
(Admission to Preview: Friends Membership or \$5)
December 5 – 9 AM to 4 PM
December 6 – 1 to 3 PM • Bag-o'-Books Sale



The Board of the Friends thanks the San Mateo County Library System for its assistance in arrangements for public events

FRIENDS' SUMMER 2009 PHOTO ALBUM

BookStore and BookSales bring us necessary funds



Adult Reading Groups are part of our programs and services



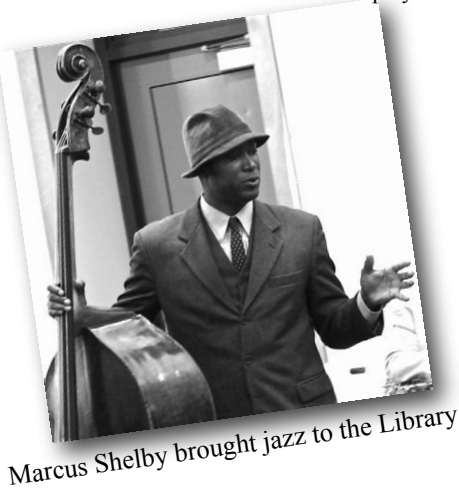
Claudette Loughlin and Judi Sullivan tidy up the BookStore



At the Accounts Desk, the Friends-donated LCD display assists patrons and Heather Mandell



As soon as you see this Harry Potter Quilt hanging in the library, get your raffle tickets for a chance to win it. All proceeds will go to the library. Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00



Marcus Shelby brought jazz to the Library



Martin Yan's magic fingers inspired the cooks



Magic Mike entertained all comers

LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY

By Nancy Katsuranis
Research Librarian



On August 19th the Millbrae Library joined the Foster City Library and the Belmont Library in offering San Mateo County Lawyers in the Library.

This series of free legal consultations with a volunteer attorney will be offered every third Wednesday at the Millbrae Library. Sessions last two hours, each consisting of six twenty-minute segments. Participants are asked to sign up in advance; each person will be limited to a maximum of twenty minutes with the attorney. However, because some people may take less than their allotted time, a total of twelve sign-ups will be accepted. Absolutely no "attorney-client" relationships are formed by these consultations. We hope this ongoing series provided by volunteer lawyers will help the public understand and address common legal issues and assist those who need help navigating the legal system.

Topics will vary depending on the specialty of the lawyer. The lawyer will provide background information on an issue, explain possible options to pursue in addressing that issue and draw attention to materials that might be helpful. More general help will be offered for issues that do not fall within the attorney's specialty.

Upcoming sessions are:

- September 16 from 5:30-7:30. The focus will be on Immigration Law, Chapter 7 Bankruptcy, and Family Law.
 - √ Immigration law deals with topics such as the immigration process, including naturalization and citizenship, public benefits for immigrants, temporary protected status (TPR), political asylum, and refugee status.
 - √ Family Law includes such areas as divorce, alimony, custody, child support, and domestic partnerships
 - √ Bankruptcy relieves one of the responsibility of paying debts or provides one with protection while attempting to repay ones debts.
- October 21 from 5:30-7:30. The focus will be on Guardianship, Conservatorship and Probate Law

We are very pleased to be able to offer this service to our community and look forward to future programs.

A child's greatest period of growth is the month after you've purchased new school clothes.

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GETTING TO KNOW . . . TOMMY MCMAHON

by Wendy Maynard



Tommy McMahon has recently been hired as a full-time Library Assistant. He's the tall, dark-haired young man who is often serving patrons at the Accounts Desk. He also assists Jennifer Medrano with the Teen Programs and uses his computer skills to update and create event news for the new LCD display and to make flyers for FML and for library events. Another responsibility is tracking monthly library statistics, including daily library usage over two-week periods, four times a year.

Tommy grew up in San Jose and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a major in sociology. While attending UC Berkeley, he worked in a library during the summer. Upon graduating, he decided to put his knowledge of sociology to use by working in an Emergency Family Shelter in an after-school program. He also pursued his interest in music. Tommy plays the drums and uses the computer to synthesize compositions. His interest in music lured him away from sociology and he spent a year writing music and doing DJ gigs.

So how did a sociology major with an interest in music become a librarian? First, he met and married a girl he met through a mutual friend. They moved to South San Francisco and Tommy was looking for a job. His wife noticed that the South San Francisco Library was hiring. Tommy remembered those summers of library work and decided to apply for the job. He also took the test for the San Mateo County Library System. After working in the South San Francisco Library for four months, he interviewed at Pacifica and worked there part time. In April, 2009, a full-time position opened in Millbrae and Tommy was hired. He really enjoys the relaxed atmosphere, library staff and patrons. He says it's a perfect fit. We think so, too.

In November Tommy and his wife are expecting a baby. We look forward to seeing his new baby at Storytimes at the Millbrae Library.

COMPUTER CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY

- Saturday, September 26th @ 10:30 AM
BASIC COMPUTERS
- Saturday, October 10th @ 10:30 AM
FACEBOOK/MYSPACE/TWITTER
- Saturday, October 24th @ 10:30 AM
BASIC COMPUTERS
- Saturday, November 7th @ 10:30 AM
BASIC E-MAIL
- Thursday, November 19th @ 6:30 PM
MORNINGSTAR ONLINE
- Saturday, November 21st @ 10:30 AM
INTERMEDIATE E-MAIL
- Tuesday, December 1st @ 10:30 AM
CUSTOMGUIDE
- Saturday, December 5th @ 10:30 AM
BASIC INTERNET

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A PARTIAL LIST OF THE BOOKS MOST ENJOYED THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM'S PARTICIPANTS. THE REMAINDER OF THE LIST WILL APPEAR IN SUCCEEDING ISSUES OF FML NEWS, OR, SEE THE ENTIRE LIST NOW AT . . . www.millbraelibraryfriends.org.

- *2 Minutes and Under: Original Character Monologues for Actors.* Glenn Alterman.
- *Food 2.0.* Charlie Ayers with Karen Alexander and Carolyn Humphries.
- *Divine Justice.* David Baldacci.
- *Social Foundations of Thought and Action.* Albert Bandura.
- *The Elegance of the Hedgehog.* Muriel Barbery.
- *Death of a Witch.* M. C. Beaton. *The Tomato Handbook.* Jennifer Bennett.
- *Fieldwork.* Mischa Berlinski.
- *The Best American Comics.*
- *Better Homes and Gardens Decorating.* Special Interest Publications.
- *Rodale's Vegetable Garden Problem Solver.* Fern Marshall Bradley.
- *The Pruner's Bible: A Step-by-Step Guide to Pruning Every Plant in Your Garden and The Pruning Handbook.* Both by Steve Bradley.
- *How the Irish Saved Civilization.* Thomas Cahill.
- *The Signal.* Ron Carlson.
- *Field Guide to Cookies: How to Identify and Bake Almost Every Cookie Imaginable.* Anita Chu.
- *The Kitchen Garden : A Practical Guide to Planning & Planting.* Andi Clevely.
- *Latin American Spanish Phrasebook.* Anna Cody.
- *Wicca : The Complete Craft.* D.J. Conway.
- *A Town Like Paris.* Bryce Corbett.
- *Planters, Containers, and Raised Beds : A Gardener's Guide.* Chuck Crandall & Barbara Crandall.
- *Columbine.* Dave Cullen.
- *Complete Guide to Vegetables, Fruits & Herbs.* Linda Raglan Cunningham, Ed. in Chief.
- *Tantalizing Tomatoes: Smart Tips & Tasty Picks for Gardeners Everywhere.* Karan Davis Cutler.
- *The Garden of Last Days.* Andre Dubus III.
- *Quitting Church: Why the Faithful are Fleeing and What to do About It.* Julia Duin.
- *National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of Western North America.* Jon L. Dunn and Jonathan Alderfer, Eds.
- *Maroc.* Daniel Easteman.
- *Emotional Awareness: Overcoming the Obstacles to Psychological Balance and Compassion: A Conversation Between the Dalai Lama and Paul Ekman.* Paul Ekman, Ed.
- *Finding Nouf.* Zoë Ferraris.
- *Tender Is the Night.* F. Scott Fitzgerald.
- *Bob Flowerdew's Complete Fruit Book: A Definitive Source Book to Growing, Harvesting and Cooking Fruit and Organic Garden Basics: Five Easy Steps to Growing Organically.* Both by Bob Flowerdew.
- *The Veteran : Five Heart-Stopping Stories.* Frederick Forsyth.
- *Fruits and Vegetables: 1001 Gardening Questions Answered.* Garden Way Pub, Eds.
- *China Road : A Journey Into the Future of a Rising Power.* Rob Gifford.
- *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking and Outliers: The Story of Success.* Both by Malcolm Gladwell.
- *"M" is for Malice.* Sue Grafton.
- *The 100 Best Volunteer Vacations to Enrich Your Life.* Pam Grout.
- *Water for Elephants.* Sara Gruen.
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.* Mark Haddon.
- *La Bella Lingua: My Love Affair with Italian, the World's Most Enchanting Language.* Dianne Hales.

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