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News

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Bob Miller

Well, the holiday season has passed and things are getting back to normal (whatever that is). I hope you all had wonderful holiday experiences and enjoyed the season and I wish you all a very happy, prosperous and healthy new year!

It is so nice to have a Branch Manager in Millbrae who is all-our-own. Sandy Wee came to us and hit the ground running. Sandy and our Millbrae Library staff are doing a fine job and we are fortunate to have such a capable team serving our patrons.

Our Big Book Sale in early December was a huge success. We netted nearly \$3,000. I particularly want to thank Judi Sullivan for her hard work, not only for managing all the preparations for the sale, including recruiting and coordinating our volunteer staffers, sorting and pricing the books, set-up for the sale (and taking down) but for the countless hours

she contributes behind the scenes in our book store. Just look below at the scene, itself, with the inventory all prepared for the sale. Thanks, Judi!

Thanks also to all of you who volunteered to staff our book sale. We had a great turn out of helpers. Without you we could never achieve such a level of success. I have often said that our book sales are a lot of work but they are also a lot of fun.

Just a reminder: January is membership renewal month for all but life members. Please remember to get your renewal dues in. While membership renewal is on your mind, its a great time to recruit new Friends. Members are the life blood of Friends of the Millbrae Library so please talk to your friends and neighbors about the good work done by FML and encourage them to join. Additional sign-up envelopes are available in the library.

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Headphones and Flash Drives

Did you know that headphones and flash drives are available for you to purchase at the Accounts Desk?

Headphones are available for \$2.00. Two-gigabyte Flash Drives are \$6.00.

These great prices are made possible by a large joint purchase by the Friends of the Libraries in San Mateo County.

Computer Classes

Tuesday, January 13 @ 10:00 am
"Computer Basics"
with Pat Young

Thursday, March 5 @ 6:30 pm
"Genealogy Online"
with Warren Netz

SAN MATEO LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Have you ever wondered how materials are selected for the Millbrae Library? Now is your chance to find out. The Friends of the Millbrae Library has invited Greg Bodin, San Mateo County Library Collections & Cataloging Services

Manager, to discuss how materials are selected and purchased for the County Libraries. Greg's presentation will begin at 11:30 am, Thursday, January 29th. Don't miss this interesting presentation.

MEET SANDY WEE • MILLBRAE LIBRARY BRANCH MANAGER

Sandy Wee, Millbrae Library's new Branch Manager, was welcomed and introduced to the community at a reception on November 20, 2008, co-incidentally, Millbrae Library's 4th anniversary. She actually started her position on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. Everyone is very happy to have Sandy as our permanent Library Manager.

Sandy received her Bachelor's degree from the University of California-Berkeley and Master's Degree in Library Science from San Jose State University. In addition, she holds several certificates. She has over 18 years of public library experience most recently as the Branch Manager of the Manor Branch of the San Leandro Public Library. Her previous experience includes,



ten years working as the Youth Services Supervisor for the Los Gatos Public Library, three years working as a Librarian for the San Francisco Public Library at the Chinatown Branch, and numerous assignments throughout the Bay Area as a Librarian, Library Assistant, Library Intern and Library Clerk. Sandy is not entirely new to SMCL; she has worked at the Millbrae Library and other libraries in the system for the past eleven years as an Extra-Help Librarian.

A few words from Sandy: "I feel very lucky to be part of the Millbrae Community and to work with a wonderful Library team and supportive community. Thank you Friends for the lovely welcome and reception. With such a great staff, I know the Library will continue to thrive and be one of the community's favorite places to be."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • CONTINUED

Enclosed in this newsletter is the Millbrae Library program survey, *We Want to Hear from You*. Our staff needs this information so that adult library program offerings can be better designed to suit the needs, interests and desires of our patrons. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to the library.

It is a pleasure to announce that Rob Silber and Carmen Delano have agreed to serve on our very important Farris Fund Finance Committee. Rob and his wife, Miriam, have two children in the Millbrae schools and are long time members and supporters of FML. Rob holds a degree in Business/Economics from UC Santa Barbara and is employed as Director of Supply Chain Management for a biotechnology company. Rob's education and professional experience make him a Farris Fund natural. Carmen has a degree in pharmacy from Washington State University and was employed in San Francisco as a pharmacist before raising a family and becoming a librarian and long-time advisor to our book sales. Carmen recently retired and now serves on the FML Board. She will be an asset to the Farris Fund Finance Committee.

FRIENDS OF THE MILLBRAE LIBRARY WEBSITE

If you haven't checked out our website, be sure to stop by.

<http://www.MillbraeLibraryFriends.org>,

The most current event schedules are available as is our newsletter. If you would like to opt-out of the printed newsletter and receive an email when a new newsletter is posted, email friendsofml@comcast.net from the email address you wish notified.

Be sure to add friendsofml@comcast.net to your accepted email list, if needed. The FML News is available in PDF and text-only formats.

CALENDAR OF ADULT AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**Health and Wellness Faire**

Saturday, January 24, 2009 • 10 am to 2 pm • Community Center

FML will give out information on the library and on the Friends that would be of interest to seniors.

Library Materials Selection, Purchase, and Allocation

Thursday, January 29, 2009 • 11:30 am • Library Meeting Room

Greg Bodin, San Mateo County Library Collections & Cataloging Services Manager, will discuss how materials are selected and allocated to the County Libraries.

As a convenience, we have scheduled his discussion for 11:30 am, after the Board of Directors meeting.

All FML members are invited. Don't miss this interesting presentation.

City of Millbrae Lunar New Year Festival

Sunday, February 1, 2009 • 1 to 3 pm • Civic Center Plaza

FML will sell Chinese books along with other types of books, as well as giving out information on the Library and Year of the Golden Ox.

Second Program of Ikebana Flower Arranging

Wednesday, February 11, 2009 • 7:00 pm in the Library Meeting Room

Presented by Nancy Locke.

Reception and Book Signing for Local Author**San Jose Police Detective Wayne Farquhar**

Saturday, February 28, 2009 • 1 pm • Library Meeting Room

Wayne Farquhar will discuss his first mystery novel, *Blood over Badge*, at the Millbrae Library at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2009. Wayne is a 27 year veteran police lieutenant with the San Jose, California Police Department. He has worked as a detective in Homicide, Sexual Assaults, Child Exploitation, Vice and Internal Affairs and has spent more than ten years working as a hostage negotiator. His knowledge and experience translate well into his first novel with Jack Paige as homicide detective and rookie, Casey Ford, as his new partner. This partnership turns into a baptism of fire as they attempt to solve the murder of the mayor's daughter.

After his presentation, Wayne Farquhar will answer questions from the audience. He will be available to sign copies of his book which will be on sale before and after his talk. Refreshments will be served.

Children's Events Winter/Spring 2009

Storytimes

Pajama Preschool Storytime
Tuesday evenings – 7:00 pm
January 20-May 5
Wear your pajamas, if you like
For children ages 3-6.

Toddler Time Storytime
Wednesday mornings – 10:30 am
January 21- May 6
For ages 2-3 years old, with a
caregiver

**Bilingual Chinese/English
Preschool Storytime**
Thursday mornings – 10:30 am
January 22-May 7
For children ages 3-6 (all
languages welcome!)

Babies and Books Storytime
Friday mornings – 9:30 am
January 23-May 8
For ages 0-2, with a caregiver

Fridays @ Four Cafe
Friday afternoons – 4:00 pm
January 23-May 8
Bring your own cup
for cocoa or lemonade
For school-aged children, ages 6
and up

Family Events Winter/Spring 2009

Drop-In Chess

Each Monday Night from 6-8 pm
All ages welcome. Beginners to
advanced. Instruction offered too!

Baby Yoga!
With Tiffany Belzer
Friday, January 30 – 9:30 am
Mom/dad and baby (ages 0-2)
work together to promote
emotional well being with yoga.
Dress comfortably; bring a
blanket and a favorite toy.

Dan Chan
The Magic Man
Tuesday, February 10 – 7:00 pm
and then . . .

Celebrate
The Lunar New Year
Saturday, March 7 – 10:00 am
with an evening of mystery &
magic. All ages welcome.

Spring Crafts
Kids 7-12 years old are invited to
create a special spring craft
project. All supplies will be
provided. Space limited.
Must pre-register.
Beginning February 14.

Toddler Dance Party
Friday, March – 9:30 am
(waiting for confirmation)
Babies, toddlers and preschoolers
are invited to rock out with
toddler tunes for the entire
family!

Family Events Winter/Spring 2009

Bubbleman!

Tuesday, April 21 – 7:00 pm
The one and only, the original
Bubbleman, Louis Pearl returns
with big bubbles, little bubbles,
baby bubbles, bubbles inside of
bubbles, round bubbles, square
bubbles

Mother's Day Crafts
Saturday, May 2 – 10:00am
Kids 7-12 years old are invited
to create a special Mother's Day
gift. All supplies will be
provided. Space limited. Must
pre-register, beginning April 11.

For Teens Winter/Spring 2009

T3: Teens @ Three-Thirty
Every Wednesday
January 21st-May 21st in the
Library Meeting Rooms
*Dates Subject To Change
Due To Room Availability*

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

MEMBERSHIP**BY SUZANNE MEDRANO**

Happy New Year! It's time to renew your membership with the Friends. We worked together in 2008 to provide our wonderful library with funding for materials and programs enjoyed by the community. We truly appreciate your past support and hope you will continue your membership in 2009.

Your membership status is indicated on this FML News address label. A renewal envelope with your return address label is included for convenience. Please note any changes to your address, phone number, or email. Enclose your renewal amount and drop it in the mail or bring it to the library at your next visit. Membership does make a difference and we wouldn't be as strong without you.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS**BY MARYSTELLA FLYNN**

Sixteen book discussion participants celebrated the end of the second year of discussions on Monday, December 1st with a Holiday Pot Luck Lunch prior to the December Book Discussion.

Members feasted on a variety of dishes - from four different types of mini-sandwiches prepared by Sally Bebek to Lolly Pineda's Red Velvet cupcakes with fluffy white frosting sprinkled with pomegranate seeds, with many and varied delicious treats in between. The lunch was such a success that members are now planning one for next year.

The regular December book discussion was held after the lunch. Book Discussion Calendars for 2009 were distributed.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

at the Library – first Monday of each month at 1 pm
Open to all interested readers.

January 5

Kaffir Boy
by Mark Mathabane
Leader Joanne McMahon

February 2

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress
by Sijie Dai
Leader Gerry Silberstein

March 2

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society
by Mary Ann Shafer & Annie Barrows
Leader Judi Sullivan

April 6

Peace Like a River
by Leif Enger
Leader Sally Bebek

May 4

Plainsong
by Kent Haruf
Leader Carmen Delano

June 1

Indian Summer: The Secret History of the End of an Empire
by Alex Von Tunzelman
Leader MaryStella Flynn

July 6

Run
by Ann Patchett
Leader Norma Davis

August 3

The House Gun
by Nadine Gordimer
Leader Claudette Loughlin

September 14

The Glass Castle: A Memoir
by Jeanette Walls
Leader Lolly Pineda

October 5

One Book One Community
(title to be announced)
Leader Nancy Katsuranis

November 2

The Cleft
by Doris May Lessing
Leader Irena Parker

December 7

A Prisoner of Birth
by Jeffrey Archer
Leader Jenny Carp

Drop-In Chess

Chess will continue every Monday evening from 6 to 8 in the Homework Center.

Players of all skill levels come each week to enjoy a game. We do not rank players and do not run tournaments, but play for the challenge and fun of it. Instruction is available. This is a game you will play your entire life!

Special Gift Fund Donors**September – December 2008**

Eugene & Georgenia Latter
Millbrae Woman's Club

Sponsors, Donors and Beyond September December 2008

The Friends thank these members for their generous memberships at the sponsor level or above.

Sahliha (Sally) Bebek
Maria Caturay

Martha & Edwin Fink

Elliott & Stephanie Warshauer
J. Yamaguchi

San Mateo County Director of Library Services



During a recent visit to Millbrae, Martin Gómez, San Mateo County's newly appointed Director of Library Services is welcomed to the the Library by Bob Miller, President of the Friends of the Millbrae Library.

For part of his thirty years of professional experience in leading library services in New York and California, Mr. Gómez was the Executive Director of the Friends & Foundation of the San Francisco Public Library,

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