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President's Letter

Thank you for being a Friend! Since 1974 your memberships and donations have put books on the shelves, encouraged children to read, and supported everything from carpets to online resources. I am thrilled to have been elected Friends President in January, and grateful to be a part of such a dedicated Board and membership. Today we are a strong and growing organization of 400 members and volunteers who support Pacific Grove Public Library services all year long.

2018 is a banner year for the Pacific Grove Public Library - the Library's 110th anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, May 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Jewell Park and at the Library. Funded by philanthropy with a \$10,000 donation from Andrew Carnegie, our Library has been in continuous public service since 1908. What a proud tradition to uphold!

Most recently, the Friends have taken the lead in ensuring that the Pacific Grove Public Library will be preserved, enhanced and prepared for the future. Four years ago the Friends supported a community survey that prioritized maintaining our heritage, improving services and positioning the Library for the future. From that survey came the Library Renewal Project, and a vision of a restored and renewed library for generations to come.

Working with the Foundation, the City, the Library Advisory Board, individual donors, local businesses and organizations, the Friends are spearheading a Capital Campaign to raise \$2.5 million for the Renewal Project. And we are over 80% there! This Campaign is an ideal fit with our Friends Charter - to focus attention on the Library, stimulate use for the present and future, solicit and encourage gifts, and support and cooperate with the Library in developing facilities for the community. To demonstrate our strong support for the Renewal, the Friends Board has pledged \$200,000 this year to the Campaign, matching the Foundation's gift of \$200,000, which will then match the City's pledge of \$400,000 over this year and the next. And we are excited to announce a grant of \$200,000 from the Packard Foundation!

None of this would be possible without you - our new and returning members, business and organizational supporters, generous donors and granting organizations. Your contributions will ensure that the Library Renewal Project goal is achieved, and that our support for Library programs can continue as well. We are excited to share more about the Library Renewal Project further in this newsletter, as well as at the community celebration on May 12th.

The Library has served Pacific Grove for 110 years and today is considered one of the key learning and community resources in Pacific Grove. We are reaching out to our Friends with a special request to help us reach our Campaign goal. With your most generous support of the Library Renewal Project, either directly online to the Fund for the Future at www.pglibraryfriends.org/contribute or through a donation to the Friends, together we will ensure that our community's vision for our beloved library becomes a reality, and that the Library will be there to meet the needs of our residents and community for the future.

I thank you for helping us reach our goal! ~ Kim Bui-Burton

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Business Member Spotlight

They say "If you're feeling blue, paint yourself another color". A good place to start is Tessutti Zoo, at 171 Forest Avenue, where you'll find an abundance of colorful and whimsical goods, gift ideas and fun for all ages. Tessutti means fabric in Italian, and zoo describes the place well! This local treasure is part retail shop and part handmade manufactory, with all manner of real and imaginary fabric creatures, apparel and one-of-a-kind works of usable art. Owner Emily Owens has been a longtime Business Member - drop in to enjoy her bright and beautiful menagerie and say "thank you" for supporting the Friends and the Library.



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Meet the Author Night - Kim Steinhardt

Life-long eco-activist, retired administrative law judge, and author Kim Steinhardt entertained a large audience at the Pacific Grove Library on the evening of April 19, 2018. Mr. Steinhardt's subject was *The Edge: The Pressured Past and Precarious Future of California's Coast*, which he and geologist Gary Griggs recently penned.

Steinhardt began by expressing appreciation for those who turned out to hear him speak, saying that such audiences give him hope that widespread public support will bring about remedies for the precarious future of the coast that he describes in the book. He said in addition to *people*, who cause the coastal problem and are the key to solving them, the book deals with *policy* which his legal training and experience help him describe, and with *passion* which he and his co-author feel and which they hope the book will engender in the readers.

To stimulate empathy for the coast Steinhardt projected a video which showed photos of the coast, some of beauty and some of over-development. When he resumed his talk, he described a conservation effort by his parents that established a bird sanctuary in the San Francisco Bay, and said that his personal experience of the coast and its conservation issues, and those of his co-author, is woven through the book.

At other points through the talk Steinhardt showed spectacular photos of whales and otters and other sea creatures that he has taken in the Monterey Bay area. He discussed in some detail a 1960's plan for filling Elkhorn Slough to provide housing, commercial development and heavy industry plants including oil refining. PG&E purposed siting a nuclear power plant there. He said the proposed development was defeated by a public campaign against it that enlisted Ansel Adams and other notables.

Preserving sea otters is a passion of Steinhardt. Next year he will publish a book on sea otters. He told the audience that he had good news to share, namely that a legal decision favorable to otters' preservation had just been announced. This verdict was in a suit by the shell fish industry to limit the protected range of otters in Southern California.

In closing Steinhardt invited the audience to send him comment or information on coastal conservation at ourcaliforniacoast@gmail.com. Also a subscription to an email newsletter on California coastal conservation is available by request at that address. ~Written by Patrick Gallagher

June Meet The Author

Meet Jonathan White, author of *Tides - the Science and Spirit of the Ocean* on Tuesday, June 26, at 7:30 pm at the Library.

Meet the Author Night - Dr. Dave Ebert

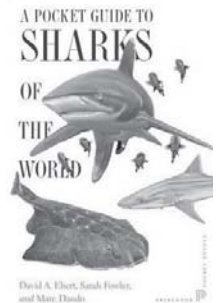
On the evening of Thursday, February 22, a hardy crowd braved cold weather to hear Dr. Dave Ebert talk about his experiences with sharks and life as related in his book *Searching for Lost Sharks*.

Dr. Ebert related, with humor and humility, how he progressed from being a boy in Prunedale with an ambition to study sharks, through his education and experiences around the world, to the present day as Director of the Pacific Shark Research Center in Moss Landing and an acknowledged expert in the field.

Dr. Ebert has authored 28 books, over 500 scientific papers and led and participated in TV documentaries for the BBC, the Discovery Channel, and the National Geographic Society. He shared footage from one of these programs, on finding the rare Megamouth Shark, with the audience.

In addition to his scientific efforts, Dr. Ebert also uses his experiences to motivate others "to find their own lost sharks," that is, to explore their own passions and uncover their own talents to create a life of continual discovery and accomplishment.

In a short Q&A session he responded to a question on his interest in conservation, and also what distinguishes sharks from other sea life. Dr. Ebert noted that sharks, along with rays and skates have cartilaginous skeletons rather than the bony skeletons of other fish. Dr. Ebert then signed copies of his book for eager purchasers. ~Written by Patrick Gallagher



Kim Steinhardt and Audience April 19, 2018



Renewal Project Update

A lot has happened with the Library Renewal Project since our last update to our Friends. Project Architect Karin Payson, of Karin Payson + Associates, combined years of public input with her public library design experience to develop the initial design phase of the Project. The Project focuses on these key areas:



Preserving our Community's Past

- ♦ Reveal and restore the 1908 Carnegie "heart" of the Library hidden under various remodels; sensitively connect with building additions around it
- ♦ Create a central history space to preserve and display our irreplaceable local archives

Enhancing the Present

- ♦ Provide comfortable, welcoming spaces to support literacy, community and lifelong learning for all ages and abilities
- ♦ Facilitate accessibility and usability of the Library with new central service desk, upgraded and energy-efficient lighting, improved accessible shelving and way finding
- ♦ Make practical and aesthetic improvements to restrooms, carpeting, and upgrade finishes

Prepare for our Community's Future

- ♦ Improve and expand connectivity and infrastructure for 21st century technology needs
- ♦ Provide flexible, multi-use spaces for quiet, study, meetings and programs
- ♦ Extend our 110 year old Library's life; ensuring the wise investment made by Carnegie and past residents will benefit generations to come

Construction level plans are anticipated by late summer 2018, followed by a bid process and a construction contract presented to Council in late fall. Under this timeline, by early 2019 the Library's collections and services are to be relocated, with construction beginning after the relocation. The renewed and enhanced Library is anticipated to be reopened in fall 2019.

Meanwhile, a public-private Capital Campaign (fund raising effort for major building improvements) has begun following Council's endorsement of such an approach in 2017. Members of the Library's three support organizations - the Friends, Foundation and Library Advisory Board - as well as the Library Director and knowledgeable community volunteers have been working since January to ensure that the \$2.5 million Project cost is achieved.

Thanks to the generosity of past and current donors, the Campaign began with \$763,000. To date it has received over \$1 million in new gifts and commitments, including a \$400,000 pledge over two years from the City Council, a \$200,000 matching gift from the foundation, a \$200,000 matching gift from the Friends and a \$200,000 grant from the Packard Foundation. After years of community demand for a renovated Library we are determined to support the Renewal Project to completion.

Everyone is invited to the **110th Birthday** of the Library, on **May 12th from 1 to 3 pm at Jewell Park and the Library**. Enjoy cake, music, create art, and hear about the Library Renewal Project from the architect, the campaign from the Friends and tour the Library to envision the future. We hope you can attend to celebrate the past and welcome the next 110 years!

Celebrating The Library's 110th Anniversary

"Books are our best, our wisest and most faithful companions. They instruct, they entertain and console us...they are the bridges that span the centuries" proclaimed Horace Platt at the dedication ceremony of the Pacific Grove Public Library.

The citizens of Pacific Grove have greatly benefitted from legacies lasting more than a century. Andrew Carnegie donated \$10,000 to build a free public library, Phoebe Hearst contributed to found Asilomar, and the Pacific Improvement Corporation donated land for both.

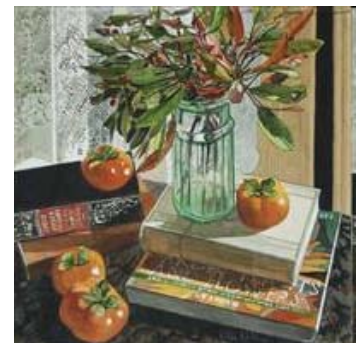
Special events through May, June and July include free monthly architecture walks and talks at Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds (**May 19th and June 16th at 10 am**), a lecture by Asilomar historian Aubrie Morlet (**June 15th**) and a **May 12th** birthday celebration for all ages at Jewell Park on the date of the Library's grand opening.

"We are looking back with appreciation and forward with anticipation," explained series co-creator Cathleen Gable. "We are celebrating our history, heritage, and a renewed commitment to continue these legacies at the Library and Asilomar."

Series sponsors are the Pacific Grove Public Library, the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library, the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation, California State Parks and the Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds.

In The Hawk Gallery

Built for Books, a four-month celebration of libraries, learning and philanthropy, honoring the 110th anniversary of the founding of the Pacific Grove Public Library in 1908, opened in April with a juried art exhibit in the Nancy and Steve Hawk Gallery at the Library, curated by Christine Crozier.



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Welcome, Kim and Linda; Goodbye Susan



The members of the Friends Board are pleased to welcome Kim Bui-Burton and Linda Pagnella to our ranks. Both Kim and Linda have worked in public libraries, and are also long-time community volunteers. Kim was previously the Director of the Monterey Public Library, and previously worked with libraries in Greenfield and throughout Monterey County. A recent retiree from the City of Monterey Kim is enjoying free time with her family and Napa grand baby.

Linda has been a PGPL patron as long as she can remember, began volunteering at the Library in the 1990s (especially with Summer Reading and the Haunted House) and was hired in 2001 as a Library Assistant. One short year later Linda became Circulation Supervisor, where for 14 years she welcomed patrons to the Library with a smile, usually by name. In 2011 Linda received the James R. Hughes Citizen of the Year Award from the PG Chamber of Commerce in recognition of her volunteer efforts for the community. Linda retired in 2016 and we are grateful to have her time and talents in support of the Library and Friends.

Susan Steele, President of the Friends for the past five years, finished her term in January and has moved from the area. We would not be where we are today, as an organization or with the Project, without her commitment to growing the Friends and strengthening the Library, and her tireless efforts to move the Library Renewal Project forward. We are very grateful, and wish her heart's ease, a plethora of absorbing reading material and all the best in the future.



Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2017

January 1, 2017, Beginning Balance		\$230,339
Income		
Donations	\$14,739	
Memberships	\$28,118	
Fund Raisers	\$16,627	
Grants	0	
Book Sales	\$20,080	
Renewal Donations	\$41,200	
Interest	\$ 43	
	Total	\$120,807
Expenditures		
Books & Materials	\$40,000	
Programming	\$ 6,589	
Library Renewal	\$35,284	
Operating	\$8,992	
	Total	\$ 90,865
Commitments		
Library Renewal	\$100,000	
Volunteer Support	\$ 9,010	
Underserved Support	\$ 8,431	
	Total	\$117,441
December 31, 2017, Ending Balance (Unencumbered)	\$142,840	

New Members

Individual

Tyler Elliot
Karen Forno
Gail T. Jones
Rachel Mein
Susan Reikes
Susan Sailow

Family

James Owen
Cynthia & Rev.
Michael Fitzgerald
Bonnie Watson

In Memory of

In memory of Charlee Taylor Burns
"in support of children's programs"
N.J. Taylor

In memory of Elizabeth (Betsy)
Finch - Dorothy Abeloe

In memory of Nancy Fraser
Kim Fraser

In memory of Lucille Hammond
Dorothy Abeloe

In memory of Nancy Hauk
& in honor of Steve Hauk
"sending much love to the Hauk
family" - Carol Landaker

In memory of Priscilla Nitzke
Dorothy Abeloe

In memory of Annie Garner Richert
Susan & Ken Stempson

In Honor of

In honor of Diane Grindol
"on the occasion of her
birthday" - Lois Deupree

In honor of Barbara Moore
"she inspires me on a
daily basis!" - Michele Crompton

In honor of Susan Steele
Judy & Tom Archibald

In honor of Bev Woods
anonymous

Donations to Friends

Sue Hall
Blair Holland
Orval & Michele Lund
Edward Parrott
Shirley Sparling
Beverly & Gordon Williams

Renewing Members will be Highlighted in the Next Newsletter

Short on Cash? Want to Save on Taxes? Ideas from the Library Foundation on How You, Too, Can be Part of the Library Renewal Project

With the new tax law's increased standard deduction, many taxpayers can no longer itemize their charitable contributions, but still want to help the organizations they support and value. Others may simply need all available cash for ongoing living expenses and feel they can't donate to the Library Renewal. Here are a few painless ways that *everyone* can be part of this community effort to renew and update our historic Carnegie library:

Do You Hold Appreciated Stocks? Hate Paying Capital Gains? Make a Stock Donation

If you own shares of stock that have appreciated significantly, you can avoid paying capital gains taxes by donating shares to the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation. If you would like to do this, please let us know and we will help you through the process.

In Your 70S or More? Want to Save on Taxes? Use Your IRA Distribution

If you are 70-1/2 or older and need to take an IRA distribution this year, you can direct the holder of your IRA to send all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution directly to the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation. Those funds will not be liable for the taxation normally levied on IRA distributions.

But please note: for this tax savings, you cannot receive the funds and then make the contribution. The funds must go from your IRA holder directly to the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization - Tax ID #45-1738473

Want to Make a Significant Donation But Not All at Once? Fill Out a Pledge Card

If you would like to make your donation in more than one payment, ask at the Library for a Renewal Project Pledge Card. You will have options to donate over as much as two years at the intervals that best suit you: monthly, quarterly, etc.

Unable to Spare Any Funds at This Time? Look Into Planned Giving

If your present circumstances leave no room for charitable giving, please consider including the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation in your estate plans. In this way, your legacy will help to ensure that our renewed Library will have secure funding in the future.

Contact the PGPL Foundation

For more information on any of these options, please email:

foundation4pgpl@gmail.com

or write to:

Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation
P. O. Box 2025
Pacific Grove CA 93950



Board Members Needed!

The PG Public Library is supported by three volunteer boards, each with a different mission. All are in need of new board members. If you are a PG Public Library user and supporter, would you like to take a *leadership role*, using your energy and talents to enhance our library's programs, services, and funding? Which board best suits *your* interests and skills?

City of Pacific Grove Library Board

The Library Board (also referred to as Library Advisory Board) was created by the City Charter to serve in an advisory capacity to the Council and City Manager in all matters pertaining to the operation of the public library. If you want to become more involved in City affairs, be an advisor and advocate for our Library, and engage in outreach to better understand and serve our community's needs, this may be the board for you. The Library Board meets monthly, on the 3rd Tuesday, at 7:00 pm. Residents of the city of Pacific Grove may apply to the Library Board, using the application form found on the city website (cityofpacificgrove.org). Look under "About the City" / "Boards and Commissions"

PG Public Library Friends Board

The Friends help ensure that our library is a thriving community center for discovery and lifelong learning. The Board of the Friends raises funds through membership and events, enhancing the Library's annual City budget by sponsoring special activities that meet the community's needs and interests, including monthly book sales, "Dine Out with Friends" evenings at local restaurants, "Meet the Author" events, and much more. If you enjoy helping to organize community events, are proficient in social media, want to help increase Friends memberships, or can help prepare materials such as the monthly Newsletter, the Friends may be the board for you. The Board meets monthly on the 4th Thursday at 5:15 pm. If interested, send a message through the "Contact" link on pglibraryfriends.org

PG Public Library Foundation Board

The Foundation was established by the Friends in 2011 to provide a permanent, invested fund to supplement other support of our Library. In 2017, the Friends and Foundation jointly established a medium-term Library "Fund for the Future." The Friends and Foundation Boards work closely together and consult with the Library Director to determine the best mix of funding distributions to meet annual needs. The Foundation Board oversees the two funds and takes the lead in seeking Planned Giving (through wills and trusts) for our Library's future. If you have experience in financial planning, enjoy collaborative efforts with like-minded groups, or would like to do community outreach, this may be the perfect choice for you. The Foundation Board meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 2:00 pm. For more information: foundation4pgpl@gmail.com

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Mark Your Calendars:

Book Sales at the Library: First Saturday of the month, 10 am - 4 pm

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| Saturday, May 5 | First Saturday Book Sale – Library Arcade |
| Saturday, May 12 | Library’s 110th at Jewell Park & Library |
| Wednesday, May 30 | Dine out with Friends – Peppers Mexicali Cafe |
| Saturday, June 2 | First Saturday Book Sale – Library Arcade |
| Tuesday, June 26 | Meet the Author – Pacific Grove Library |
| Wednesday, June 27 | Dine out with Friends – The Beach House |
| Saturday, July 7 | First Saturday Book Sale – Library Arcade |
| Wednesday, July 25 | Dine out with Friends – Max’s Grill |
| Thursday, August 16 | Meet the Author – Pacific Grove Library |

Secret Garden Party Benefit
Saturday May 19
1:00 to 4:00 pm

Small bites, wine, music and Master Gardeners in a secret Pacific Grove Garden

Tickets \$60 each or 2 for \$110
Available at the Pacific Grove Public Library
pglibraryfriends.org

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| Jones Group Real Estate | Diane Grindol Pet Sitting and Services | Sotheby’s International | Pavel’s Backerei | The Red House Café |
| Jan Pratt & J.R. Rouse, Sotheby’s | Grove Market | Matteson’s Auto Repair | Peppers MexiCali Cafe | The UPS Store #3441 |
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| Artisana Gallery | Hayward Lumber | Michael’s Grill & Taqueria | Phill’s Barber Shop | |
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