



Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being a supporter of America's great democratic resource – your local public library! Since 1974 the Friends have helped the Pacific Grove Public Library provide books, materials, programs and services for our community, year after year.

In 2020, because of COVID-19, City budget and staff cuts, **your memberships, gifts and donations are more important than ever.** Our generous donors helped maintain virtual and safely distanced children's library services this year after PG Library's only children's librarian was laid off. Hundreds of happy children and families thank you!

Your contributions funded the return of a part-time hourly library employee mid-summer, making the move back into the Renewed Library, and fall curbside "holds" pickups possible. Our 2019 Friends book sale proceeds helped the Library purchase new books for readers of all ages in 2020. Your **generosity supports the "right to read"** at the Pacific Grove Public Library, even during a pandemic!

To keep each other, and ourselves, safe and healthy, we are all keeping our distance. Sadly, that means the reopening of our

beautiful Renewed Library has been delayed. However, a **"sneak peek" video of the renovated, restored and reimagined Library interior** will soon be out. We can't wait to share it with you until we can visit again.

Also keep your eyes on the landscaping in front of the Library! A beautiful improvement plan has been developed and a Library Board, Friends, Foundation and City committee is working hard to make the ideas become a reality by early 2021.

We are looking forward to our **Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2021.** It will be held on Zoom and we hope you can attend! We are delighted to announce that Alka Joshi, New York Times bestselling author of *The Henna Artist*, will be our featured speaker. Alka, a longtime Friends supporter, has fascinating tales to tell of her book's inspiration, how it felt to be a Reese's Pick selection and the process of turning her book into a Miramax TV series. Reservations are required; information will be sent out in early January.

Thank you for being a Friend and supporting the Pacific Grove Public Library! We hope you stay well, take good care, and that you (always) keep reading!

Kim Bui

MEET DIANA GODWIN, LIBRARY MANAGER

In February 2020, after the retirement of Library Director Scott Bauer, Diana Godwin was appointed as the Interim Library Director. Several months later, after City budget cuts, layoffs and furloughs, and organizational changes, Diana was appointed as Library Manager.

Diana was hired by Pacific Grove Public Library as a part-time librarian in 2013. She's no stranger to the Monterey Peninsula, though, as she attended Carmel schools and has multi-generational roots in the area. Diana received her BA from UCLA and her MLIS from San Jose State University. Diana's husband, William, is a geologist and they have two daughters - Kendra, a medical librarian, and Claire, a teacher.

Diana's background in law, special and medical libraries, the Sonoma County library system, several school districts, a private high school and her seven years of public service at Pacific Grove Library prepared her well for her current leadership role.

We asked Diana to share what she likes about being a librarian, her vision for the future of the Library, and what she's currently reading. Here's what she had to say: "I LOVE being a public librarian. In all the years I worked in other types of libraries, I always yearned to serve the public.

"There is something so egalitarian about it; we get visitors from all walks of life, and I appreciate being able to provide service for and

answer questions from ALL the members of our community.

"My simple hope for the Pacific Grove Public Library is that we can open, share our beautifully renewed library and become the community's meeting place once again.

"And the best book I have read in the last week is: *The Vineyard*, by Idwal Jones. It was published in 1942 and is a novelized tale of Napa Valley winemakers from 1880 to the start of Prohibition. It has rich descriptions of the California landscape and highlights a history that few of us know about. I discovered it in another book, *California Classics*, by Lawrence Clark Powell."

We are so fortunate to have Diana as our City Librarian at this unprecedented time of change for the Library and challenges for our community.



Diana Godwin,
PG Library Manager

BOOKS BY THE BAG AND THE FRIENDS ONLINE BOOKSTORES



No used book sale? No problem! Order Books by the Bag at the Friends website.

The Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library raise funds through membership and events to meet unfunded Library needs. For years, one of the most successful fund-raising efforts has been the monthly book sales. Since COVID-19, however, those beloved in-person sales have been put on hold.

Now we are pleased to announce “Books by the Bag” – a new, contactless, online used book sale. Thanks to the creative thinking and hard work of Friends volunteers, eager readers can once again enjoy a trove of gently used books – carefully curated by book sale specialists.

Orders for your bag of books can be placed through the Friends’ website, at www.pglibraryfriends.org, for contactless pick up or delivery in Pacific Grove.

How does it work? Open this link—www.pglibraryfriends.org—and click on the “Books by the Bag” section.

Here is a step-by-step guide.

- 1 Select your genre(s).
- 2 Pay online: \$20 per Big Bag or \$10 per Basic Bag.
- 3 Wait for an email letting you know your bag of books is ready for outdoor, contactless pick-up.
- 4 Put on your face-covering and come to St. Mary’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, on the 13th Street side, above Central Avenue. Your bag(s) will be waiting for you!
- 5 Read and enjoy!

Details:

- In-person pick-up times are 10 am – 12 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Please allow one week for volunteers to select and prepare your bag of books.
- All books have been quarantined during these months. All volunteers will sanitize and wear face-coverings.
- If you are unable to pick up books because of transportation issues, delivery service is available for an extra \$5.00, but only in Pacific Grove.

Should readers prefer to choose their own books, please visit the Friends **Amazon** and **Abebooks** online bookstores with over 500 titles. New books are added weekly!

Orders for your personally chosen books can be placed through the Friends website, at www.pglibraryfriends.org, then by clicking on the Amazon or Abebooks links. These titles will be mailed directly by the USPS to your home.

All proceeds from these two online book sales go directly to fund new books, DVDs and other materials for the Pacific Grove Public Library. Every little bit helps our Library patrons young and old, to learn, grow and thrive!

At this time, the Friends still cannot accept book donations or returns. Until things are back to normal, the Friends invite you to visit our website, feast your eyes on the hundreds of available books and partake of either (or both!) of these opportunities.

For more information please visit the Friends website or email the Friends at friendspglib@gmail.com.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

The Friends Board wants to spotlight and thank ALL our Business and Dine Out members during this time of disruption and business loss. Our community benefits when we shop, dine and spend locally. When our City’s economy rebounds, Library staff and services will grow and return.

Business Membership

Back Porch Fabrics (Gail Abeloe)
Dority Roofing (Monique Dority)
Foxglove Gardens & Design (Michele Barat)
J. Gary Grant MD
Grove Market (Charlie Higuera)
Dr. Ted Hollister, DVM
Pet Sitting Services (Diane Grindol)

Corporate Membership

The Jones Group/Coast & Country Real Estate

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Lunch to-go with a side of literature: the Friends and Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula announce a tasty new partnership

Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula has been a valuable member of the Pacific Grove community, serving nutritious meals at four locations on the Monterey Peninsula as well as delivering meals to the homebound. Pre-COVID-19, people would meet, make friends, and eat a lunch that supplied 1/3 of the USDA dietary requirements for older adults. In March, after the pandemic hit, congregate dining had to be suspended. As an essential business, Meals on Wheels remained open to serve the many adults who depended on them and quickly replaced congregate dining with Lunch To-Go.

Every weekday from 11:15 to noon, 40-50 seniors pick up their Lunch To-Go distributed by MOW at the Sally Griffin Active Living Center in Pacific Grove. Soon, a new partnership between the Friends of the Library and Meals on Wheels will not only provide a nutritious meal to each individual, but also a chance to browse through a mobile book cart for reading material to take home and enjoy with their meal. Lunch To-Go meets Lending Library To-Go!

This partnership would not have happened without the efforts of a special group of people. The Friends lead is Stephanie Herrick, Board Director and former Meals on Wheels delivery driver; book selections are made from donated books by Friends Treasurer/Book Sale lead Judy Wills and Book Sale co-lead Lori Rolander. Friends Vice President Linda Pagnella restocks with a smile. A big round of applause for Diana Godwin, Library Manager, and PG Library staff for donating the cheerful rolling cart.

A very special thank you to Nikki Garello, Program Coordinator for the Sally Griffin Active Living Center and everyone with Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, for their dedication and creativity in meeting the needs of our seniors.

“It is one of the greatest gifts that reading can give a person—easy access to peace inside, even when the world outside is in shambles.” - Anonymous



ESTATE PLANNING

“Estate Planning? Isn’t that for rich people?” Rich, poor, or somewhere in between—it’s for everyone. Your “estate” is what you own, no matter how much or how little. Each of us has an “estate”—no mansion required—and at the end of life, something must be done with your estate. If you make no legal provisions for managing your assets after death, the state will do it for you. A lengthy and often expensive probate procedure will decide the distribution of your estate. If you generously intended to include a charity that is meaningful to you, but didn’t declare it, probate is unlikely to make that happen.

An estate plan that includes charitable giving should also consider how to maximize that gift. If you choose to honor Pacific Grove Public Library with a bequest, you will get the “biggest bang for the buck”—and possible tax savings—by naming the PGPL Foundation (Tax ID# 45-1738473). The Foundation’s endowment fund is managed by the Community Foundation for Monterey County with the benefits of their professional stewardship and an average annual return on investment of approximately 8%. A gift designating “PGPL Library,” on the other hand, goes directly into City funds, with the restricted investment options imposed on municipalities (currently yielding well under 1%).

Your gift will earn more and make maximum impact when invested through the PGPL Foundation as part of our endowment, which provides a distribution to supplement the library budget each year, as well as supporting long-term library goals such as major programs or improving the physical structure of the library. Your bequest to the PGPL Foundation will continue to grow, maximizing your gift’s impact and ensuring that your legacy will benefit the library for years to come.

We would be happy to discuss options with you. Please contact us at foundation4pgpl@gmail.com for more information. We suggest that you consult with an attorney or estate planning expert to find the best way to achieve your objectives.

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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LIBRARY

Our membership has questions! Friends President Kim Bui has updates to share about the current state of the Library, as of the end of October. Please note: information below may be subject to change due to COVID-19 requirements, restrictions and delays.

When will the Library re-open?

We still don't know. Although the construction has ended, and the move back is complete, Monterey County remains in the most restrictive tier (Purple) for reopening in-person services. We do know that three things must happen before the Library can reopen.

1. The Library must have an approved plan to put in place, following State guidelines for a) a detailed risk assessment and site-specific protection, b) training for employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, c) implementing individual control measures and screening, d) implementing disinfecting and cleaning protocols and e) physical distancing.
2. The Library must have sufficient, trained staff and personal protective equipment to implement the above plan.
3. Monterey County Health and the City of Pacific Grove must approve the reopening plan, once the State allows more leeway for in-person library service.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

The Library building is closed, but the Library is open online to place holds, use e-resources and enjoy recorded or live children's programs (www.pacificgrovepubliclibrary.com). For reference help go to referencedesk@cityofpacificgrove.org or leave a message at (831)648-5760.

Can PG Library books and materials be returned to Pacific Grove Public Library?

Yes, they can! The drive-up book drop at 550 Central Avenue, across from Jewell Park, is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Can PG Library books be put on hold for check out? Where can I pick them up?

Holds can now be placed through the PG Library website: <https://www.pacificgrovelibrary.org>. Pick-up is at the Pacific Grove Library on Mondays from 3 pm to 6 pm and Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm through its contactless curbside service. If you need help placing a hold, call 648-5760 and staff will be happy to assist.

Can I donate books to the Library? Or the Friends?

No donations are being accepted at this time, either for the Library or the Friends book sale. Please hold onto your books until the Friends can gratefully receive them again. And the Friends always donate any new or popular book titles and authors to the Library, to add to the collection. We promise!

Can I volunteer to help the Library?

At this point the Library can use only very limited volunteer help, due to COVID-19 restrictions and staff limitations. Once the Library meets State guidelines, its plan is approved and the Library is able to re-open, staff hope to increase use of trained volunteers in previous Library volunteer positions.

How can I find out more, or find out when things change?

Current and updated Library information can be found on the Library website, <https://www.pacificgrovelibrary.org>, Facebook page and Instagram account (pacificgrovelibrary), as well as the City's Weekly Newsletter (cityofpacificgrove.org).

Current and updated Friends information can be found on the Friends website, <https://www.pglibraryfriends.org>, and Facebook page.



Library patron picks up books on hold at the front of the Li-

“BUCKS FOR BOOKS” IS OUR BIG IDEA FOR MONTEREY COUNTY GIVES!

The Friends of PG Library is excited and honored to participate in the 2020 Monterey County Gives! campaign. We're asking donors to contribute Bucks for Books to build and grow the Library's collection.

Each year MC Gives! asks organizations all over the county to submit a BIG Idea for a program that creates change through philanthropy. Since the first MC Gives! in 2000, more than \$27 million has been raised to support the BIG Ideas of 450 organizations in Monterey County.

MC Gives! kicks off on November 12 and runs through December 31

There are two ways to make your tax-deductible donation:

- ❖ Donate online! Go to www.montereycountygives.com. Click Donate, then find Friends of the Pacific Grove Library under the Education & Youth category and click on the name.
- ❖ Send a check! Make it out to **Monterey County Gives!** and mail it to the Community Foundation at 2354 Garden Rd, Monterey, CA 93940 or to the Friends at PO Box EH, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Be sure to note that your donation is for the Friends of the PG Library.



\$5,000 Challenge!! The Friends will match the first \$5,000 donated to MC Gives! Give early and double your donation! And MC Gives! will add a prorated match from its own matching fund.

MC Gives! accepts donations of appreciated securities like stock or mutual funds and IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions. Contact the Community Foundation's philanthropic services team at [831.375.9712](tel:831.375.9712). They'll make sure your donation is credited to the Friends.

Monterey County Gives! is a Partnership for Good. Please support **Bucks for Books!** We can't do it without you!

The Library Renewal Project is complete! Now one of the Library's main goals is to improve service by providing more new books and materials. The Friends contribute to that effort every year, donating proceeds from our used book sales and Dine Out evenings. But this year COVID-19 put all those activities on hold. **Bucks for Books** will help fill the 2020 gap so library patrons will still find what they need at the library.

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Elizabeth Benjamin
Lisa Bennett and Robin White
Bill Kaplan
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Lucy Moore
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Please sign up today! And thank you!

2021 Friends Board Nominations

Are you interested in serving on the Friends of the PG Library Board in 2021 or nominating someone to serve on the Board? If so, please email Kim Bui at pgkbui@gmail.com by November 30 for more information.

Library's online resources:
www.pacificgrovelibrary.org



Dine Out with Friends

This winter, as you enjoy take-out or socially distanced dining, remember to thank and support our **2020 Dine Out Friends**:

Beach House at Lovers Point (Kevin Phillips)
Il Vecchio (Carl Alasko)
La Mia Cucina (Michael & Paula Scanlon)
Max's Grill (Max & Yuko Muramatsu)
Pacific Thai Cuisine, Inc (Lex Juntaradarapun)
Peppers Mexicali Cafe (Lisa Weiman)
Petra Restaurant (George Nimri)
Taste Bistro (Sue & Bill Karaki)
The Red House Cafe (Chris & Laura D'Amelio)
Victorian Corner Restaurant (Mary Allioti)
Wild Fish Restaurant (Liz & Kelvin Jacobs)