

# **Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

# President's Message

Last year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library with gratitude and resolve.

Gratitude for the foresight of City Librarian Margaret McBride and those who foresaw "... that the community should be allowed and encouraged to become more involved in library activities..." Gratitude for five decades of members, donors and volunteers who contributed hundreds of thousands of donated dollars, thousands of volunteer hours and decades of advocacy and promotion for the Pacific Grove Public Library.

Midway through our 51st year, we send special appreciation to YOU - our members, donors, volunteers and supporters. Without YOU, none of the amazing library programs, activities and services in this annual report, provided by hardworking, creative and welcoming library staff, would have been possible. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

2025 finds libraries, and the communities they serve, facing inconceivable challenges. The Friends and Foundation stand with our City Council, residents and staff to help the library weather federal actions against libraries and the freedom to read.

On behalf of the Board, we pledge to continue to support, promote, advocate and protect the Pacific Grove Public Library wisely and well for the future.

> With appreciation and resolve, *Kim Bui, President* Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and *Foundation* — www.ffpgpl.org



"Pacific Grove Library is the heart of our town that resonates with its residents of all ages. It is a heartwarming sight to see little toddlers

buried in books in one nook and senior citizens catching up with news in another. One hopes that our library will continue to be the butterfly of our town, giving wings to ideas, knowledge, and much more to spread peace, love, and har*mony*." — Jawad Khan

PGPL Friends and Foundation Member

# **SEVEN** Generous DINE OUT restaurants donated \$2.949

- ALIOTTI'S VICTORIAN CORNER
- IL VECCHIO
- LA MIA CUCINA
- MAX'S GRILL

# **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

A vibrant community of lovers of the Library joined the Friends and Foundation to mark 50 years of raising friends and funds for the Pacific Grove Public Library on May 18th at Jewell Park. Under clear skies, the lively music of the Palenke Arts Latin Jazz Combo resonated from the gazebo, accompanying a busy lineup of activities and events.

Books and reading were the theme of the celebration with a popular hands-on "make a book" craft and free book giveaways for all ages throughout the morning. The City of Pacific Grove Teen Ambassador volunteers lent their exuberance to facepainting and helping children



Author Anne Ylvisaker premiered her newest book for young readers, One Alley Summer, with a special storytime reading of Iamasaurus for the littlest





ones. After a brief program, a special welcome was given to the new Library MOVe outreach vehicle. And then there was cake!

A jubilant celebration of 50 years of support for the Pacific Grove Public Library!

# **2024 HIGHLIGHTS**

YOUTH PROGRAMS—The Joe Rock Children's Room Fund supported 289 of the Library's 588 children's programs. Total attendance for all children's programs in 2024 was 16,398. Our contribution of \$16,948 included a distribution from the Rideout Fund to purchase a sensory wall with changeable displays for the Children's Room. Our 2022 Monterey County Gives! grant provided \$4,567 for 50



teen programs attended by 575 students from grades 6-12.



EXHIBITS AND PROGRAMS—The impact of the Library as a center for community learning, discovery and enrichment is immeasurable! We proudly sponsored many events, including exhibits showcasing the works of Pacific Grove High School advanced art students, the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild, adults with special abilities through Art Abilities, and the captivating "Texture: Proof of Presence," as well as author Brad Herzog, detective novelist Laurie R. King, poet laureate Barbara Mossberg, and Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History collections manager Kathleen Aston. A total of 119 adult programs were presented!

*— Light of the Bay* 

## **"CONNECTING GENERATIONS AT THE LIBRARY TO BUILD HEALTHY COMMUNITIES"**



Our Big Idea for the 2024 Monterey County Gives! campaign raised \$35,848! Programs, exhibits and resources offered over several years will provide opportunities for different ages to share experiences focused on health, wellness, art, music, and intergenerational learning.



- **PEPPERS MEXICALI CAFE**
- **RED HOUSE CAFE**



Left, Sound Baths; right, David Holodiloff Duo



### **BOOKSTORE SALES reached** \$20,000 for the second year.

One hundred percent of the proceeds of both go into our Library Book Fund, which supports the purchase of new books and materials.

The Friends and Foundation gave the Library \$40,082 from our Book Fund in 2024.



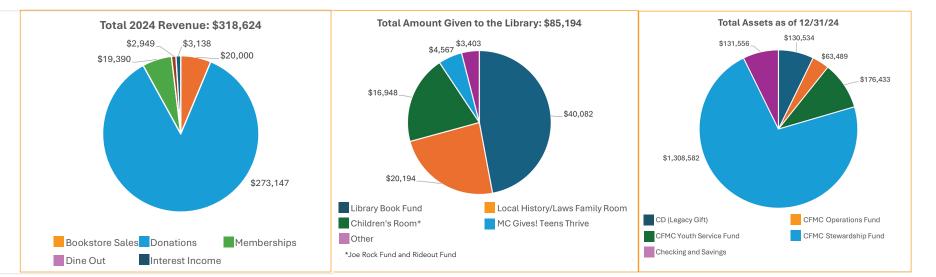
MOVe—The Mobile Outreach Vehicle electric (MOVe) got rolling on its outreach mission in 2024, making 70 visits to schools and community events like the Good Old Days parade! MOVe was purchased in part with \$40,838 donated in 2021 through Monterey County Gives!.

LOCAL HISTORY—The Jean Laws Local History Fund promotes public awareness of the people and stories of Pacific Grove. In September, more than 160 persons joined author and historian David Laws and former VP of Engineering Tom Rolander for "The Rise and Fall of Digital Research, Inc.", to commemorate 50 years since local entrepreneur Gary Kildall created the world's first commercially successful computer operating system. Our 2024 contribution of \$20,194 supported ten local history programs and ongoing work to make the Library's local history collection accessible to online researchers.

— Gary Kildall, left, with Tom Rolander. Right, Digital Research Inc. on Lighthouse Avenue



# **2024 FINANCIAL REPORT**



### Thank You for Supporting the Pacific Grove Public LibraryLegacy and Life Members and Gifts made to the PGPL Friends and Foundation from January 1—December 31, 2024 Includes Memberships & Donations to Campaigns and Appeals & Gifts from Individuals and Businesses

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