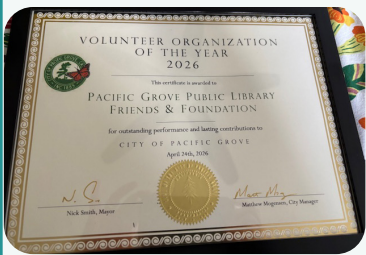




# Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

## President's Message

Last year – our 51st – was filled with connection, community and support for the Pacific Grove Public Library, as the stories, pictures and statistics in our 2025 annual report illustrate. As you read about the hundreds of activities, funding for books and more provided by the welcoming, creative and hardworking library staff, please know that YOU – our members, donors, volunteers and supporters - made our giving possible.



In April of 2026 our Friends and Foundation was recognized by the Pacific Grove City Council as Volunteer Organization of the Year! I accepted the honor on behalf of all of us who use, love, promote and support the library and contribute to its health and vitality in these uncertain times. The Pacific Grove Public Library is the heart of our community, and we are grateful for the Council recognition and support.

2025 found libraries, and the communities they serve, facing inconceivable challenges. Unfortunately, the challenges have not lessened today. For now, and into the future, the Friends and Foundation will continue to stand with our City Council, residents and staff to help the library weather federal actions against libraries and the freedom to read.

We thank you for being a Friend, a donor, a volunteer, a supporter. Your help makes all the difference. On behalf of the Board, we remain resolved to continue to support, promote and advocate for the Pacific Grove Public Library wisely and well for the future.

With gratitude, Kim



For more than 50 years, championing the freedom to read at the Pacific Grove Public Library has been central to our mission. We support the right to read by funding books and materials and promoting library use. More than 100 people of all ages attended our first Freedom to Read celebration last September at Jewell Park (just before Banned Books Week began). The celebration included a popular “make a book” craft, free book giveaways for all ages and a special table of new books,

all challenged or banned titles. Neighbors chatted, music played and giant bubbles created by Teen Ambassador volunteers and happy children floated skyward. And then there was cake! Our 2026 celebration of the Freedom to Read happens on Saturday, September 26 from 10 am to 12 noon at Jewell Park. We hope to see you there!

In 2025, the Library offered 10 programs to Connect Generations—the emphasis of our 2024 MC Gives! campaign. Intergenerational audiences gathered for Rhythm & Reads concerts, Healing Sound Baths, and book talks by authors Mary Reynolds Thompson on *Reclaiming Your Wild Soul* and Rob Osler on his historical mystery, *The Case of the Missing Maid*. The Library hosted 967 programs in 2025—attended by 21,732 persons! The Friends and Foundation provided the funding for more than half of those programs. —John Weed Family performing at Library



1883. (C.K. Tuttle Collection, Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.)

Our contribution of \$15,000 from the Jean Laws Local History Fund helped the Library present four exceptional programs that brought the history of Pacific Grove to light, including *Pacific Grove at 150: Historical Images of the Founding Years*, an exhibit of rare images from the renowned Pat Hathaway Collection, and a talk by author John Martin on his new book about his grand uncle Hayes Perkins, who planted the “magic carpet” of flowering ice-plant along our coastline in the 1940s. — The original PG Museum, opened in



The Friends and Foundation sponsor the summer reading programs and all the associated events for adults, teens and children. Inspired by the theme of *Color Our World*, 4,969 children enjoyed 113 live performances, movies, magicians, birds, bubble shows, and weekly reading; 29 of the programs were generously supported by the Joe Rock Children's Room Fund. In 2025, a total of 6,307 children participated in 289 programs sponsored by the Joe Rock Fund.

Teens turned out for summer reading, too—187 teens participated in 10 lively programs. And 28 creative and engaging programs for adults—like Crystal Bead Bookmarks and Quilled Cards—brought 808 adult summer readers/crafters to the Library for discovery and community. —It was a nonstop summer!

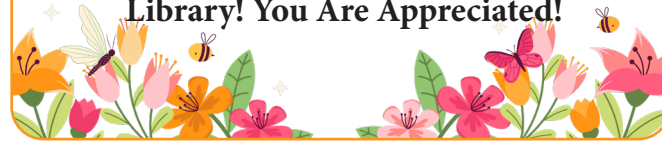


Monterey County Gives! Raised \$35,255! The funds will be used over several years to create new

programs that highlight our Big Idea for the 2025 campaign— **Beyond Books: Learn to Do It Yourself @ Pacific Grove Public Library!** Artists, crafters, tinkerers, remodelers— anyone interested in learning to do things on their own—will find opportunities to come together at the Library to learn new skills and crafts, to discover new talents, to enjoy the adventure of building and creating.

## THANK YOU TO

All of the Dedicated Volunteers of the PGPL Friends and Foundation Working together for the Pacific Grove Library! You Are Appreciated!



Our longstanding tradition of donating \$40,000 annually to the Library Book Fund helps to keep the collection current, relevant, and vibrant! The contribution is used to purchase new books and materials and to expand access to the vast collection of digital reading and listening resources. We are proud to assist the Library in building a diverse and robust collection that ensures its permanence as a center for lifelong learning.

## HOLIDAY USED BOOK CRAWL

The Friends and Foundation Bookstore is a popular local emporium for books in all genres, CDs, DVDs and puzzles. Sales totaled \$21,655—all from donated materials! The bookstore joined the Carmel, Marina and Monterey libraries in hosting a merry Holiday Book Crawl in December. Credit cards are now accepted and gift certificates can be purchased. 100% of the proceeds from sales benefit our Library.

THANK YOU TO our 2025 Dine Out partners for their hospitality, delicious cuisine, and generous donations totaling \$ 2,913!

- ALIOTT'S VICTORIAN CORNER
- LA MIA CUCINA
- MAX'S GRILL
- PACIFIC THAI CUISINE
- PEPPERS MEXICALI CAFE
- RED HOUSE CAFE



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Two new projects were initiated that will come to fruition in 2026. Books for Babies will provide board books to the Community Hospital to give as gifts to the families of each infant born there. Inside a bookmark will list our Library's programs that welcome newborns and the locations of other area libraries. A Scholarship Committee is setting up guidelines for a new program open to students pursuing degrees in education and library services. Its mission is “to empower passionate individuals committed to knowledge-sharing and literacy, ensuring they have the resources to inspire future generations.”

# LIBRARY END OF YEAR REPORT FOR 2025

## Total Revenue - \$126,679

Donations	\$40,355
Memberships	\$18,465
MC Gives	\$35,848
Bookstore Sales	\$21,655
Dine Out	\$2,913
At the Door	\$128
Interest Income -	\$7,315

## Total Money Given to Library - \$217,480

Library Book Fund	\$40,000
Children's Room (Joe Rock Fund and Rideout Fund) -	\$19,937
MC Gives! Connecting Generations	\$4,859
MC Gives! Teens Thrive	\$7,912
Local History/Laws Family Room	\$15,000
Generator*	\$80,000
Privacy Booth**	\$30,000
Other***	\$19,772

## Total Assets - \$1,954,128

CFMC PGPL Stewardship Fund	\$1,427,145
CFMC PGPL Youth Service Fund	\$188,336
CFMC PGPL Operations Fund	\$73,342
Checking and Savings	\$125,475
CD (Legacy Gift)	\$139,830

\*The contribution for a generator supports the creation of a Backup Power System that will enable the Library to serve the community during power outages as a neighborhood resource. \*\*The Library plans to install an ADA-compliant privacy booth that is designed to address a growing need in the Library for a quiet, private space for study and personal conversations. Both projects are expected to be completed by the end of FY27. \*\*\*Other includes Adult Summer Reading, Freedom to Read event, Exhibits Curator, items requested by the Library.



## Thank You for Supporting the Pacific Grove Public Library Legacy, Estate, Life Members and Gifts made to the PGPL Friends and Foundation from January 1 — December 31, 2025 Includes Memberships ♦ Donations to Campaigns and Appeals ♦ Gifts from Individuals and Businesses



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