



Friends of the Atascadero Library

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NEWSLETTER

President's Message

If you were one of the 133 people who attended the Open House at the new library on October 23, you know what an exciting event it was. The architect's renderings of the library design were on display and our architect **Greg Ravatt**, was present to comment and answer questions. A fabulous chocolate cake was served, thanks to the baking magic of **Carmel Muller**.

We had the opportunity to thank our donors, large and small, especially **Alice Rew**, and **Greg Hind** from the Hind Foundation. We were humbled and ecstatic, all at the same time, when Alice presented us with a second \$ 100,000 donation in memory of her parents E.L. and Louise Creasy.

With Alice's donation and Richard Summers concert proceeds; we are \$119,000 away from the amount needed to begin construction and \$ 350,000 away from the successful conclusion of our capital campaign. Our goal is to begin construction in summer 2012 and to open our doors during Atascadero's Centennial in 2013. We welcome your donations, or your pledge for a series of donations, so that the new library can be part of Atascadero's 100th birthday celebration.

One of the nicest things about preparing for Richard Summers and Friends concert was getting to know the charming **Richard Summers**. He was great fun to work with and we appreciate his support for the library, which made possible a significant increase in our funds. We are grateful to **Rex and Betty Hendrix**, whose

beautiful home served as our concert hall. And I want to thank my generous friends, whose cooking skills helped create the appetizers – **Judy Boyer, Gail Ryan and Nancy Fiske** and thanks to **Linda Persons**, who was the tireless straw boss in the kitchen.

At the November meeting the FOL Board voted to change the fees for individual and family membership. The fee for individuals will be \$12/year and for families \$24/year. Yearly membership will continue to extend from July 1 to June 30 and the changes will make it possible for us to pro-rate fees for folks who join throughout the year.

Be sure to browse the treasures in our Silent Auction window. **Carole Dulitz** is doing a wonderful job managing the window, with interesting, seasonal displays.

Grenda Ernst, President



Friends of the Library presents certificates of appreciation to Rex Hendrix and Richard Summers for their contributions to the November benefits concerts. From left are Grenda Ernst, Rex Hendrix, Eileen O'Grady, Richard Summers, Anne Harris and Sue Sly.

Open the Doors: Fundraising Campaign News

Those of us who attended can still recall the beautiful music performed at the November 6 **Richard Summers and Friends** benefit concerts. Audiences were delighted by the entertaining group of vocalists and musicians Richard invited to perform with him—**Larry Baldwin, John Laird, Kristie Dart, Chad Stevens, Debbie Lagomarsino, Adam Levine, Bill Wingfield, and Alec Wingfield.**

Not only was the lovely home of **Rex and Betty Hendrix** a spectacular setting for the event, but Rex and Betty were gracious hosts who assisted with moving furniture, setting up and removing chairs, etc. And our own resident gourmet chef **Grenda Ernst** and her team prepared incredible savory and sweet snacks.

Fundraising committee members **Anne Harris, Sue Sly, Christina Lefevre, Grenda Ernst, and Georgie Arnold** contributed their time and talents for many months to prepare for the event, along with **Richard Summers** and volunteer **Loretta Butts**. **Katherine O'Clair** and others secured wine from several local wineries: **Ancient Peaks, Anglim, Carhartt, Derby, and Frolicking Frog**. **Jeannie Malik** found outstanding live auction items and recruited auctioneer **Tom Foran**.

Dave Linfield of the SLO Little Theatre loaned us a spotlight. And many, many volunteers and their spouses spent the afternoon and evening working at the event—doing everything from shuttling concertgoers to pouring wine and serving canapés. The best news is that the concerts and live auction raised \$20,000 for the campaign.

Save the date of **March 10, 2012**, for the third annual **Atascadero: Dancing with Our Stars**. Tickets will be available at the library during the first week in January. They will be the same price as last year: \$480 for a table of 8 or \$65 each. Celebrity dancers will soon be announced on the FOL Web site; www.AtascaderoFriendsoftheLibrary.org and in the media.

As I look back on 2011, I am profoundly grateful to all our donors, large and small. As a result of their generous contributions, we now have just \$350,000 left to raise—compared to the \$1 million that was needed last January. Now is the time to consider end-of-the-year tax deductible donations to Friends of the Library. A library, by providing access to online networks, informational workshops, and enrichment opportunities, empowers people to improve their lives themselves. It's not about providing fish; it's about teaching people to fish.

Eileen O'Grady, Vice President



Kristie Dart and Richard Summers sing a duet at the November 6 library benefit, accompanied by Bill and Alec Winfield.

Photo by Jeannie Malik



Chad Stevens sings at the November 6 benefit concerts for the library

Reference Notes

by
Brian Coburn

The fifth annual Adult Winter Reading Program officially starts this January 14th and ends April 15th. The theme this year is "Hot Reads for Cold Nights!" Like last year, the goal is to read nine titles on different topics; such as, read a romance to warm the heart; a good read set in the American South; one that involves wine; or, "some food for literary comfort." As always, there will be numerous reading lists to help inspire the participants. The finishers win a prize (a mug), along with a raffle with a chance to win an additional prize (scarves from Turkey purchased there by yours truly). Join in the fun! Go to the Reference Desk for more information!

Falling Tree

Those who were at the library in the early afternoon on Friday, November 4 were interrupted in their reading or browsing by a loud bang. No, it was not an earthquake, but a falling tree that damaged the fence and the roof at the northwest corner, where we have the reading lounge. The damage was really minor and the County has been taking care of it. The photo below shows you what happened.



Youth Services

by
Joan Bloomfield, Youth Services Librarian

The Annual Teddy Bear Tea will happen on December 7th from 4-6 pm at the Atascadero Library.

This popular event started in 1998 and has been going strong ever since. This year I'd like to thank our wonderful sponsors, which include the Friends of the Atascadero Library, Fig Good Food, Cassie's Custom Cakes and Colby Jack Café. Singer/Songwriter Diana Carter will be a featured performer. Stop by for a peek if you have never experienced it or join us for our Teddy Bear Parade in the library to Elvis's "Be My Teddy Bear" around 5:00 pm.

Toddler Tales

Winter /Spring Session
January 5 – May 3, 2012

- Thursdays, 10:30 am
Ages 18 months- 3 years old
Limit: 15 toddlers

- **(Pre-registration required)**

Registration begins on December 10th.

Priority is given to children already in the program or on the waiting list.

Location: Atascadero Library-Martin Polin Community Room
Toddlers and their caregivers will enjoy this lively 20-minute session. Each child and his or her caregiver will interact in a variety of positive ways. This includes participating in stories, songs, movement, nursery rhymes and finger plays.

Other Special Events:

Fur, Feathers and Scales Food Chain

Thursday, January 19th 3:45-4:30 pm
Ages 6 and older

Location: Atascadero Library

Space is limited. Signups are not required.

Come see a rabbit, snake and owl and learn how they depend on each other in a food chain. You will learn about their adaptations for survival. **Karen Poland**, a Naturalist at Rancho El Chorro School in San Luis Obispo, will make the presentation. Karen has a degree in Wildlife Biology from Humboldt State and has worked at the school for 11 years.

Wind Power and Wired for Wind

Thursday, February 16th
3:30-5:00 pm.

Ages 7-12

Location: Atascadero Library

Space is limited. Signups begin January 28, 2012.

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) Key Leader **Brian Auger** will present a creative approach to the fundamentals of experimentation with a hands-on exploration of wind power and electricity generation. With his team of volunteers, Mr. Auger will lead young scientists in conducting tests, evaluating data, and designing modifications for paper turbine blades (pinwheels) to optimize their results.

Susan Wulfeck
Theresa Willis

In memory of Jane and Don Leton:
Gary & Linda Peterson,
Marilyn Hamilton,
Nancie Secher,
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in memory of Miriam Harter:
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Donations for the months of October and November 2011

**We like to thank the following generous
donors for their support to "Open the Doors"
of our new library**

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New Members

We welcome the following new members:

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Marie Tomasini
Lyle and Sue Bettger
Dede Hoskins
Ken and Nancy Rice
Greg Blythe and Yadon Lee
Susan Wulfeck
Mary and Gary Blythe
Jerry and Gail Dowell
Bill Robinson

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Income	
Magazines, Machines,	
Books (Lobby sales)	773
Book Sale	1,179
Membership	215
Donations:	
Undesignated	100
Expansion	50
T-Shirts	31
total	<u>2,348</u>
Expenses	
Children's Programs	530
Adult Programs	996
PG&E	9
Administration	203
Printing	53
Total	<u>1,791</u>
Balance+	<u>557</u>
	<u>2,348</u>
Darlene Brainard, Treasurer	

Book Sale!



Friday, December 9, 2011
From 6 to 8 PM
(Members only)
Saturday, December 10, 2011
From 9 AM to 2 PM
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(behind the library)

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