



# Newsletter

A Bi-monthly Newsletter

September- October 2020



## FALL IS HERE STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY



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### Co-Presidents' Message:

We hope this message finds you well and safe as we continue to shelter in place due to Covid-19. As if we didn't have enough to contend with, now we have to worry about wildfires and smoky air. Our hats go off to all the firefighters who have done so much to control the fires and save homes and lives.

At the last San Mateo County Friends of the Library Presidents Meeting we learned that the County Library System still has a balanced budget. There are no layoffs planned at this time; however future budgets are not guaranteed. With fiscal impacts of Covid-19 (and now the wildfires), the County will face hard choices about how to allocate limited resources in the future. We, of course, will do what we can to keep library services from being reduced. We believe that libraries serve a vital function in a healthy community, especially now.

As always, the County Library System and the Friends of the Library groups in San Mateo Co. (including PFOL) can be leveraged to get a reduced cost for each of the Friends group's programs.

The Library continues to explore ideas for continued services in the pandemic. The need for library services has not diminished. If anything, the need is

greater than ever. Wi-fi signals in County libraries have been increased to allow more patrons to get internet access from outside the library. Being able to connect to the internet is now more important than ever. This is especially true as the traditional back-to-school has gone virtual.

As you know, we resumed our request for membership renewals and donations. We understand that not everyone can make a contribution at this time. However, we greatly appreciate any amount you feel you can spare, and we very grateful to the members who have donated and renewed this past month. We are almost making up for the lost book sale we didn't have last June.

We all miss our libraries and long for the days when we can resume more regular activities. Until that day, stay safe and check out [www.smcl.org](http://www.smcl.org) for all on-line resources including live help, or call (833) 937-7625 for Community Care service.

Joan Putz & Carl Schwab  
Co-presidents PFOL

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We were sad to learn that Chris Vance, a long time library assistant, has retired. He was the guiding force behind the garden at Sanchez Library that annually donated a bounty of fresh vegetables and fruits to the Pacifica Resource Center. He handled many book club reservations, and we will miss his pleasant smile. We wish him and his wife well on this new chapter in their lives.

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In case the November newsletter doesn't get to you by November 3, we urge everyone to register and send in their vote. The right to vote is the most important feature of a democracy, so be sure to exercise your right to vote.

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**Curbside pickup** is now available 5 days a week from 11am to 4pm. The process is simple. You place a hold on line, schedule a pickup when your order is ready, and pick up your stuff.

### Little Library Project Progress Update

After a Covid-19 interruption, the Eagle Scout project led by Malcolm Hall is moving forward again. We first mentioned this in March before the shut-down brought everything to a halt. Malcolm came to our board and presented his proposal and we agreed to be his community sponsor. The project plans for the installation of five little libraries around town. The little libraries are neighborhood sharing boxes that hold donated books for neighbors to swap and enjoy. Good job, Malcolm



**Just a reminder.** If you, like many of us, are using Amazon to purchase necessities, please remember to log on to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose Pacifica Friends of the Library as your chosen charity. It won't cost you anything and we will get a small percentage of the sale. Thank you!

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### Some Library Statistics

Calls to the County Library are up to 1,000 a day. Combined, the libraries have had 20,000 pick up holds. They have presented 303 virtual programs. The libraries' 3D printers are churning out face shields. There has been a 20% increase in digital circulation. The Pacifica Libraries gave out 50,000 books for the Summer Learning Challenge.

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### Remember the 3 W's

Wash your hands

Wear your mask

Watch your social distancing

Please be a Friend of the Library. Mail a completed form to >>> PFOL, PO Box 1806, Pacifica, CA 94044

Please note the address change.

#### Membership Application / Donation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am renewing my membership \_\_\_\_\_

I am a new member \_\_\_\_\_

Categories of membership:

\$10 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Patron \_\_\_\_\_

\$50 Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Benefactor \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Dues and donations are tax deductible.

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To A Friend of the Library,

Thank you!

Your renewal date is

<Affix Mailing Label here>

Or Current Resident