Co-Presidents' Message:

We hope you all had a happy holiday in this pandemic year. This year it was more difficult to get into the full spirit of the season with travel and gathering restrictions.

It goes without saying that we faced many challenges in 2020:

1. We have not been able to have our usual book sales.
2. The libraries have not been opened to the public.
3. Everyone has not been able to live their lives as they normally would.

Still, we have some reasons to be thankful for this year:

1. New vaccines are now available and are being administered.
2. Our library staff continues to provide creative library services in spite of Covid-19.
3. We have had many heartwarming and generous donations from our members.

Looking ahead, we have many reasons to believe that next year will be brighter. As vaccinations increase, the Covid-19 impacts should subside. It may take a long time to fully recover; but we hope that we and our libraries will be able to resume something approaching our normal activities this year. We are eager to resume the full array of library services that Pacificans have come to expect. We believe that when our libraries open again they will be able to help our recovery by providing another outlet for social interactions that we have missed so much. In the meantime, please take advantage of the services that the library can still provide.

So for now, wear your masks, observe social distancing, and limit your outside contacts. There’s light at the end of the tunnel, so let’s all continue to pull together and beat this thing.

We wish everyone a healthy and happy 2021. Thank you for your continued support.

Carl Schwab and Joan Putz
Co-presidents of the Pacifica Friends of the Library.

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Editor’s note: Apologies for the tardy arrival of this newsletter. Recovery from a knee replacement, and the unfolding events of the past few days in the nation’s capitol distracted and hindered progress.

New Addition at Sanchez Library

Pacifican Barbara Hug and her canine companions Snick and Sinatra are enjoying the late winter sunshine on the new outdoor furniture in front of the library.

The furniture was designed and created by Cian Eskinazi of Boy Scout Troop 29 as his Eagle Scout project. Several of the pieces are dedicated to the memory of family members. Thank you Cian for creating a restful oasis which will be enjoyed by library patrons.

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Mason Cooley
PACIFICA FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

“Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere.” Mary Schmich

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Happy Chinese New Year. This year New Year starts on Friday February 12. The zodiac animal for this year is the ox. The ox’s personality features diligence, dependability, strength, and determination. This is very auspicious after the last year which was very short on these qualities. Due to Covid-19 there will be no parade in Chinatown this year. However, the San Mateo Co. Library is presenting a virtual program on Thursday January 14 at 6pm featuring the authors of San Francisco Chinatown, with interviews, stories, and beautiful photographs of the oldest Chinatown in the U.S. Photographer Dave Evans and journalist Kathy Chin collaborated on this project and will be sharing their stories and photos. Please make a reservation at www.smcl.org, Happy New Year!

Thanks to all who did their Amazon shopping on smile.amazon.com. The PFOL will receive a portion of every sale.

Santa Comes to Sunset Ridge School

This November the president of the Sunset Ridge PTO reached out to the PFOL for help with their annual tradition of a gift wrapped book for every student on the last day of school before Christmas vacation. Because of Covid they could not do their usual used book drive, and wondered if we could help. We have a large number of children’s books, but when we talked to Julie Finklang, branch manager, about accessing them, it was not possible. Julie reached out to Raquel Espana at the county library and was able to secure books for the children. The PFOL donated $200 to pay for wrapping and the Sunset Ridge PTO was able to complete their goal. Thank you Raquel and the SMCL.

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Personal Tech Help Available

If you got a new device for Christmas and need help to set it up, help is available. Go to the www.smcl.org website, and click on services on the blue bar on the top. On the next screen click on computers and technology and on that bar click on One-on-One Assistance Tech Help to make an appointment for a session with a tech aide via Zoom or on your phone.

HAVE A HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR!

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

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Membership Application / Donation Form

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Dues and donations are tax deductible.

To A Friend of the Library,

Thank you!

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