



Newsletter

A Bi-monthly Newsletter

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WELCOME SPRING!

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Co-Presidents' Message:

Hello everyone, Things are finally starting to look up. More and more people are getting vaccinated, and Covid19 cases continue to decline. Having said that, we still have a long way to go before our libraries get back to normal operations. The San Mateo County Library System is planning for a limited reopening of our libraries this Spring.

Volunteers will not be allowed in the libraries until at least after June 30, and possibly longer. The libraries will not be able to accept book donations until volunteers are permitted to return and process the books. We appreciate and depend on your donations, but you'll need to hold on to them for a while longer.

A Universal Student Library Card project is being piloted to all students in San Mateo County. The Pacifica School District was an early partner, and students have begun to receive their cards at home.

The Winter Learning Challenge held in Nov. and Dec. was a big success this year. The county gave away thousands of books. In Pacifica, 130 reading logs were completed and turned in. All who completed the log were entered in a

raffle for prizes. Summer Learning is just around the corner. When it starts, remember to take the time to pick up a log and participate. You could be a lucky winner.

Thanks you to all our members and donors for your continued support during these trying times. You continue to inspire us to do as much as we can to support our libraries as they do their best to provide all of the services that continue to help Pacificans get as much use out of our two libraries as possible in the time of Covid-19.

So stay safe everyone. We can't afford to let up now. Keep wearing your mask, and get your Covid-19 vaccination shots. Let's get back to normal life!

Co- Presidents PFOL

Carl Schwab & Joan Putz

Daylight Savings Time starts March 14. Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour.



Reading Rewires the Brain

Reading isn't just a way to cram facts into your brain. It's a way to rewire how your brain works in general. It strengthens your ability to imagine alternative paths, remember details, picture detailed scenes, and think through complex problems. In short reading makes you not just more knowledgeable, but functionally smarter. Which is why the only thing just about everyone can agree on is that you should read more.

(excerpted from an article by inc. in Apple News. Shared by Naomi Izumizaki)



Upcoming Board Election

Every year at the beginning of the new fiscal year, July, the PFOL holds its annual election of officers. This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will probably not be having our usual election party and annual meeting. We will, however, hold the usual election and will be inviting members to take part probably through Zoom. The offices that are open for election are: president; vice president, treasurer, and secretary. The duties of president include preparing meeting agendas, presiding over meetings, acting as a spokesperson for PFOL, and attending quarterly meetings of the Friends' presidents at the county level. The vice president presides over board meetings when the president is absent, takes minutes when the secretary is absent, is By-Laws Chair, and oversees the election process. The recording secretary takes minutes of the meeting, distributes minutes to the board prior to the meeting, and maintains hard copies of the minutes. The treasurer reports monthly financial activity, keeps track of all monies, distributes written reports to the board prior to meeting, files all necessary Federal and State forms, keeps records, reports membership monthly, and prepares an annual budget to be presented at the May meeting. Familiarity with QuickBooks is a plus.

Our by-laws require that we publish the names of nominees in the March-April newsletter. So far, the nominating committee has presented the following for offices: Co-presidents - Carl

Schwab and Joan Putz; Vice President - Reba Leon; Secretary - Laurie Jacobsen; Treasurer - Susan Omran.

If you are interested in running for any of these offices or for a Member-At-Large position, please send an email to pfol94044@gmail.com so you can be included in the slate of nominees.



Happy St. Patrick's Day March 17

Remember to get through this pandemic, we still have to Wear a mask, Wash our hands, Watch social distancing.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

Richard Steele

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To A Friend of the Library,

Thank you!

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