



Newsletter

A Bi-monthly Newsletter

January – February 2022



HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022



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Co-Presidents' Message

Hi all, As you can imagine, this has been an unusual year for the Pacifica Friends of the Library. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding, while we all work our way through the Covid pandemic. The vaccines and new treatments have greatly improved our outlook for the future. Our libraries have gradually increased their in-person hours, programs, and services as it looked like Covid was on the decline. Unfortunately, the Omicron Variant with its increased transmissibility has cast a shadow on society's recovery. It's not clear what lies ahead, and what accommodations will have to be made.

We did manage to participate in an open air flea market in September, and we have re-opened the Book Nook for book sales as the library opened for in-person services. In December, we took advantage of the lower risk to have a two-day traditional book sale. Patrons who attended were very happy so see the sales resume. We are hoping to have another sale in June, but that will depend on where we are in the pandemic.

We had hoped to open our book donation box at the Sharp Park Library but we need to coordinate with the library administration. Given the current

situation with Omicron, it is not certain that this will be possible. We are working with the Library to forge a path forward and will keep you informed via email and our website as new developments happen.

Regardless of what lies ahead, we hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and are ready to face the New Year. As always, we will continue to work with the Pacifica Libraries to improve their services to the citizens of Pacifica. Stay tuned for future announcements as new developments occur.

Carl Schwab & Joan Putz.

Co-presidents PFOL



Book Sale Report

Our book sale took place on Dec. 2 (set-up), 3, and 4. Thirty seven stalwart volunteers pitched in and pulled it off. The set-up was improved by the 10 new tables in the community room. They are

on wheels and fold up easily. They are also a bit smaller than the old metal ones, so the categories had to be re-located, though we tried to keep them as close as possible to the old areas. We had volunteers who did set-up, cashier duties, floor managers who kept the tables stocked as the books sold, and, last but not least, the fabulous, efficient clean up crew. Despite the lack of refreshments, the team powered on. Hopefully, by the next time, we can have refreshments again. We were happy to see that all patrons were used to being masked to enter the library, and compliance was successful. We had spare masks on hand, but only had to hand out one. Many people expressed their gratitude that the sale had resumed. Although the returns were not as great as our previous sales, it was considered a good effort in the face of adverse conditions. We made \$2,170 in total which is about 30% lower than our past average. We are so grateful for all our volunteers, newcomers and old hands, and the library staff which made it possible. We hope to resume book donations soon so we can offer new books at the next sale. Meanwhile, visit our Book Nook to find bargains to keep you entertained during these gray, drizzly days of winter.

THANK YOU!

Customers Browsing at the Sale



HELP WANTED

As we plan for the re-opening of the book donation box, we discovered that we have lost several volunteers over the past almost two years. We need volunteers who can donate an hour to an hour and a half to empty and sort the books. It does involve bending and stooping to get the books out of the box. We will have a training session when it looks like we will be able to open up. If you have an hour or so to spare once or twice a month, please call Joan 355-0690, or Caroline 359-3848.

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On February 1 the Chinese New Year will begin the Year of the Tiger. This year the tiger is a Water Tiger, which happens only every 60 years. This is considered beneficial because water will smooth some of the rough effects of the tiger. Tiger traits are strength, dynamism, determination and energy. Predictions are for unforeseen changes, surprising developments, new technological inventions and major advances in medical research and psychology. Over all, a year of positive change is predicted.

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