



Newsletter

A Bi-monthly Newsletter

March – April 2022



WELCOME SPRING!



www.pacificafriendsofthelibrary.org

Hi PFOL members,

It has been about two years since the COVID pandemic disrupted our lives. Currently, omicron COVID cases are dropping dramatically. As part of the effort to stop COVID, the libraries distributed hundreds of government supplied test kits and KN95 masks while supplies lasted. Our libraries still require masks, but more indoor services are being added. Indoor children and adult programs are planned beginning in April. All of the services the libraries currently provide will continue.

Recently, the San Mateo County Libraries were named a 5 -Star Library. This is a national honor that comes from the professional publication, Library Journal. They present these awards every year based on their nationwide evaluations of public library service. April 3 – 9 is National Library Week. If you are in one of our libraries during this week, you can take the opportunity to express your appreciation to the staff for their service in contributing to our stellar rating.

We welcome **Stephanie Saba** as the new Pacifica Library Branch manager. Stephanie grew up in Pacifica and has worked nearly two decades in area libraries starting as an aide in the Pacifica Libraries. Congratulations,

Stephanie!

We hope everyone stays safe as we anticipate a post-COVID world. We will continue to work with the Pacifica libraries to promote library services for all.

Carl Schwab & Joan Putz

Co-presidents of the Pacifica Friends of the Library

Meet Our New Library Manager



We welcome Stephanie Saba, a native Pacifican, who is our new library manager. Stephanie grew up in Pacifica and started her lifelong relationship with the library at Sanchez Library, where her mother would take her every week for Storytime. She reminisced about how

much she loved the summer reading program and how she looked forward to the end of summer parties where she got to select a book to take home. She cited Barbara Amberg, a beloved children’s librarian at Sanchez, as a major influence on her life. She was inspired as a middle-schooler to volunteer at the library and helped with the children’s programs. By high school age she was hired as a paid library aide

Her professional career started as an undergraduate at SFSU. After graduation, she pursued a masters degree in library science at San Jose State University. She began her career with the San Mateo County Libraries at the Pacifica Libraries. She has also worked at the Belmont Library, Brisbane Library, and worked at the Administrative Office in Youth Services. During this time she participated in the Big Lift program which is a major collaborative effort to help students achieve grade level reading. This program is needed now more than ever with the deficits in student achievement brought about by disruptive learning due to COVID shut downs. You can find out more about this program at www.thebiglift.org.

Although she is a native Pacifican, she and her husband Joe, whom she met when they were both working at Pacifica

libraries in 2007, moved to the East Bay where homes were a little more affordable. She and her husband, who is a teacher, enjoy life in the East Bay.

Donation Box Re-opens

Beginning in early February the book box in the downstairs lobby opened for business. During the long shut down, we lost several book nook workers and had to recruit new workers. Our wonderful returning workers: Kathy King, Jane Winer, Naomi Izumizaki, Cindy Bradford, Donelle Thom, Nathalie Berwick, Reba Leon, Laurie Jacobsen, Carl Schwab, Joan Putz, and Caroline Barba were joined by new-comers Bill Keaney, Lisa Wuerstle, Penny Mitchell, Pat Sebastinelli, Barbara Loll, and Dan Weisberg. This great crew should keep the donations moving and sorted ready for the next sale and the book nook stocked with fresh books. A heartfelt 'Thank You' goes to all our dedicated volunteers.

Book donations have picked up in recent days. If you have more than a bag or two to donate and the bin is full, please do not leave boxes or bags on the floor. You can email us at pfol94044@gmail.org to make an appointment to drop them off or call (650) 359-3848. Our goal is to sell the books, so we require that the books be in sellable condition.

BREAKING NEWS

The San Mateo Co. Library announces **expanded hours starting Sunday March 6.**

Sharp Park Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 am - 8pm; Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am – 5 pm

Sanchez Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm -5 pm Saturdays 11am- 5pm

Events

March 12 Don't forget to set your clock ahead 1 hour when you go to bed. Daylight Savings time begins at 2am Sunday.

March 17 Happy St. Patricks Day

April 6 Toddler Storytime with Rachael Evans in the Community Room of Sharp Park Library at 10:30. Weekly

April 26 Sanchez Library Family Storytime 7:00 pm monthly

April 26 Adult Jazz program at Sharp Park, registration required. Look for announcements for more information



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

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Thank you!

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