

## FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER

Dear Friends, we received very good news in mid-September regarding the City of Petaluma's grant application to the State Library: the \$1.8 million grant to pay for library safety and accessibility upgrades was approved! As the grant recipient, the City is the manager of the refresh project overall, and we hope to meet with them soon to outline next steps. These next steps will likely include several months of reviewing the scope of the project, finalizing plans, and the contract bid process. During the months the library is closed for the project, we will provide library services at the Kenilworth Teen Center.

You may have noticed that the City is also undertaking a revitalization of nearby Kenilworth Park. I encourage all of you in the neighborhood to provide input about your ideal park to the City. I envision a busy park connected seamlessly to both the library's back garden and a new accessible entrance through the library's front garden. We are so lucky to have the Master Gardeners maintaining our beautiful children's garden in the front, and Daily Acts managing the waterwise garden on the Payran Street side. Even in times of drought the landscape remains lovely due to their hard work.

Have you heard? The library is pleased to begin opening to the public on Sundays from 1:00-5:00 pm effective November 6. The new Sunday hours extend to all branch libraries across Sonoma County except the Forestville and Occidental rural station libraries. The first Sunday program will be a Nov. 13 Immigration Fair offered by Catholic Charities.

The Petaluma library staff is very glad to have hired four new library specialists who started in October, just in time for Sunday hours. The positions include two part-time, 20-hours per week specialists, and two full time specialists. Say hello to Elizabeth Fugere and Nellely Azpeitia (the full-timers), and Lars Rosager and Alejandra Collins (the part-timers), the next time you see a new face at the Circulation desk.

The Mary Fuller McChesney Centennial on October 20 was a great success with over 65 people enjoying tours of the gardens and display cases and delicious cake. Many thanks to Library Advisory Board members Karen Petersen for initiative and commitment, and to Carol King for addressing invitations beautifully.

Thanks to all of you, Friends, for your ongoing support of the library. We hope you enjoy the diversity of programs, electronic resources, print materials, information, and friendly public service we offer.

Diana Spaulding

## ACTIVITIES

### **BABY STORY TIME**

0-5 years  
Mondays – 3:30 p.m.

### **TODDLER STORY TIME**

0-5 years Thursdays 10:15 am

### **BILINGUAL STORY TIME AND CRAFTS**

Preschool  
Wednesdays -10:15 a.m.

### **SPANISH MUSIC AND MOVEMENT**

0-6 years  
First Saturday of the Month  
10:00 a.m.

### **READ TO A DOG**

Grades K-6  
Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.- 3:00pm

### **ONCE UPON A GINGERBREAD HOUSE**

Grades K-6  
Saturday, December 3  
1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

### **TEEN CRAFTERNOONS**

Thursdays – 4:00 p.m.- 5:00pm

### **CREATION STATION**

Adults and Teens (Grades 7-12)  
Wednesday, December 17  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

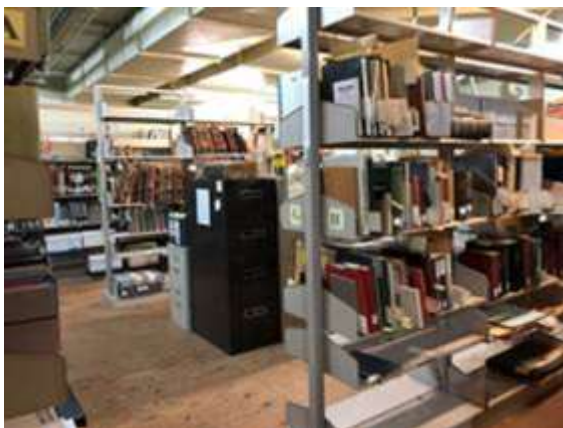
### **CREATION STATION, SPECIAL EDITION**

Costume Making for LumaCon  
Adults and Teens (Grades 7-12)  
Saturday, January 21  
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **UC MASTER GARDENERS**

Pruning and Caring for Fruit Trees  
Saturday, January 28  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## HISTORY ROOM



Visitors to the Petaluma History Room might notice a difference... we've been cleaning! After going through all the materials in the collection and aligning them to our collection policy and direction of highlighting Petaluma history, we moved all the books towards the back so that they are easier to access while those collections that reside in boxes of varying size can be seen much more quickly. We were fortunate to have been given care of the artist Mary Fuller McChesney (1922-2022) collection of materials which were just processed. They are now in order and ready for researchers of the future to dig into.

Next up is Petaluma Library history. With lots of documents including membership books from the 1800s, calendars, budget reports and many many pictures through the decades we are enjoying revisiting the many programs and other offerings to our community.

October highlighted Mary Fuller McChesney's centennial celebration with cake, and tours led by Joe Cochrane and Diana Spaulding, of the many statues we have here at the library. The last week of the month brought a zoom presentation co-hosted by the Petaluma Historical Library & Museum by historian John Sheehy about the many characters that created our bustling downtown Main Street.

We are looking forward to some more outreach activities next year including a presence at Rivertown Revival again, going to some classrooms, and assisting with Black History Month. Here's to a safe and wonderful end of the year to all.

Connie Williams, History Room Librarian

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Greetings from your friendly Children's Services Team!

I know many of us have given up on life returning to the "normal" of pre-pandemic. But Petaluma Library hasn't! In fact, the last couple of months we have made leaps and bounds to return pre-pandemic library services.

We now have 3 story times a week that include babytime, toddler storytime and bilingual storytime and craft. Guadalupe from Colors of Spanish has returned to provide monthly Spanish Movement and Music. Thalia, star of Read to a Dog, has a fan club of aspiring young readers attending her weekly events. Seeds and Reads has been transformed from take-and-make kits to a monthly in-person craft program designed to inspire our youth to explore nature and better the environment. At Miss Michelle's Spanish Book Club, kids have been devouring fast-paced books and snacks in a fun, social setting. We can't wait to see the sugar skull designs our kids create to celebrate Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

Parents have asked and we have responded! The toys are back and better than ever! Our awesome Friends paid for new toys that appeal to kids ages 0-9. Toys were carefully selected to support developmental skills, education, imagination, social interaction and so much more. The children's room is hopping and families are hanging out in droves.

The Friend's generous funding supports a library and community where people come together to discover, learn, and share. We appreciate all that you do!

Warmly, Children's Librarians Michelle Santamaria, Cailin Yeager, and Jackie Foster

## ADULT SERVICES UPDATE

The library is excited to announce Sunday hours! Starting November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be open to the public from 1-5 PM on Sundays. The Sunday hours are designed to increase accessibility. The library is for everybody, every day. Complementing Sunday hours is our new online room reservation system, launching November 1st on the Sonoma County Library website. You have an event? We have the space! If your event is free and open to the public, it is free to use our space.

Adult services has a host of exciting events planned for the Winter. Keep an eye out for the Master Gardeners, a performance from Grupo Folklorico Quetzalen, and crafting programs like the Intro to 3D Printing, Creation Station, a paper lanterns workshop, and print making. As always, the Petaluma Brown Bag Book Club will be the second Tuesday of every month.

Librarians, Joanna Price, Emma Wendel, and Kerrie Gavgavian

## TEENS

As the school year started, so did the start of teen volunteers. We have been inundated with eager young adults ready to take on an array of tasks to help the library function and make programming a reality. Programs such as: Sugar Skulls and Watercolor Book Binding Workshops were a huge success among teens. Our lecture on "Understanding the Transgender Experience" was incredibly moving with panelists that were both parents and members of the transgender community. It was heartwarming to watch our community come together to honor these experiences and learn from their stories. An elderly gentleman could be seen eagerly taking notes excited to learn how he might better support his granddaughter who had recently reintroduced herself to him as a member of the trans community.

Of course, we are also thinking ahead to the winter season where we have exciting teen programs to anticipate including Trivia Night, Creation Station, and Introduction to Self Defense. With all these fun events, don't forget to track your winter reading for the Winter Reading Challenge through the Beanstack app. Our annual comic convention, LumaCon is also set to make its return at Lucchesi Center this year. LumaCon's logo contest is quickly coming to an end with many talented entries to decide between for use on this year's T-shirts and marketing. Artists and vendors are eagerly signing up for booths and we look forward to seeing everyone in costume on the big day, Saturday, January 28th!

Karen Ballerini  
Teen Librarian  
Petaluma Regional Library

## **HELP US ESTABLISH THE MARIE HINTON FUND FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS IN THE PETALUMA REGIONAL LIBRARY**

All of us in the Petaluma Regional Library family were saddened by the loss of our beloved Marie Hinton earlier this year who so inspired us with her fervent commitment to our library. Marie served on our Library Advisory Board for 40 years, and for 27 years as our indefatigable chairperson.

Marie, who began her long career as librarian for Old Adobe Charter School, was especially passionate about nurturing all the ways our library can reach out and engage young people planting enduring seeds of lifelong learning by fostering reading, exploration in literature, and literacy.

To honor her extraordinary example as well as to celebrate and sustain her stirring dedication, our Library Advisory Board has set a goal of raising \$1,000 to establish the Marie Hinton Fund for Children's Books. More than \$400 has already been raised, and with your help we can reach our goal.

Your gift to this Fund will enable our librarians to enhance our print materials with extra copies in the early readers and first chapters collections which support children as they become fluent readers.

With this Fund we will also be able to memorialize Marie Hinton with her own engraved acorn on permanent display in the Memory Wall of our branch. When we reach our goal, and her engraved acorn is added, all donors to the Fund will be invited to join us for its unveiling at an event which will also showcase our Children's early reading support program, Read To A Dog.

Please mail your fully tax-deductible gifts, with checks made payable to *The Friends of the Petaluma Library*, to The Petaluma Library Advisory Board, Attn: Marie Hinton Fund, 100 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma 94952.

The Petaluma Library Advisory Board  
Tim May, Chair  
October, 2022

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Winter days are coming, and I must admit, they make me want to curl up under a warm blanket and wait for spring. Of course there is a book involved in that so it is fortunate that another book sale is coming up. Yes, we will be trying some new things again. The sale will be 5½ days this time, with the first ½ being members only again, and a full day bag-sale on Sunday! With the library being open on Sundays we can extend the sale to that day. We are hoping that it will be a good deal for our patrons, and thus a good deal for the Friends and ultimately the library as that is the recipient of all our fund raising efforts.

We hope you will be able to join us at the sale to work behind the counter or to restock your book shelf for the winter. Email request to sign up to volunteer at the sale will be coming to you in mid-December.

All the best for the upcoming winter holidays.

Rory Keller

## REMEMBERING M.A. RASMUSSEN AND CAROL RUSSELL

The Friends of the Library recently lost two longtime, loyal and hardworking volunteers, M.A. Rasmussen and Carol Russell.

M.A., whose interest ranged from poetry to photography, travel, music, watersports and cats, was a perfect addition to the backroom book sorting and pricing group. When it was difficult for M.A. to come in they brought the books to her. She was a great newsletter proofreader. Along with her corrections she always included a humorous addition.

After many years of working in a variety of areas, Carol moved to Petaluma and began a career of volunteering. For several years Carol served as secretary of the Friend's Board. Carol, always willing to help, took on the major task of scheduling the bookstore volunteers and if one did not show you could count on Carol to fill in.

Thank you.

### BOOK STORE

Our bookstore continues to be a great place for library patrons and other book buyers to shop. Bernice Fowler has taken on the huge challenge of keeping the kid's area organized and well stocked. She also makes sure our Half Off Cart is full of great bargains.

Mari-Ann Gibbs loves to make sure our fiction wall is ready for customers to easily find their favorite novels.

Lynette Weber is great at keeping our displays looking sharp and filled with our best donations.

Liz Martin is our all around go to person to keep the store dressed for our weekend shoppers.

What a great team! Their hard work is why our sales are ever-growing!

We've recently expanded our music and movie selections to make perusing easier and more fun.

Please come see what we are up to and find some great books, cds, dvds, records and magazines for you and your family. Thanks.

Marsha McCollum Leutza  
Bookstore Co- Manager

# Book Sale

**Tuesday 1/10/2023 - Sunday 1/15/2023**

Tuesday 4-7PM members only

Wednesday - 10AM-7PM price will be \$2/inch

Thursday 10-5, Friday 10-5

Saturday - 10AM-5 PM - 1/2 price all day (or \$1/inch)

Sunday 1-4 PM- bag sale day

\$4/bag, 3 bags for \$10

**HELEN PUTNAM COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**Petaluma Regional Library**

100 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma, CA 94952



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