



FRIENDS of the SEASIDE LIBRARY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

We've reached the fourth quarter of the fiscal year of the Friends of Seaside Library, and will have our last general meeting of 2011 on Wednesday, 16 November. The year went fast. As we review our accomplishments, which have been enumerated in past newsletters and in more detail at our meetings, it is gratifying to realize that the Board's stewardship of the Friends' mission and support of the Seaside Library continues vigorously. Many hours of meetings, volunteer effort, variety of donations and activities, have been translated into substantial support for the Library's programs and collections.

Highlighting the 4th quarter was our 8th annual benefit on Saturday, 15 October. The great rock band, Cheeky Spanks, played for us again; they really are terrific. Erin Gray was the MC during the night and helped push along silent auction bids; her running repartee during raffle periods was delightful. Nancy Amos was, again, our hostess and kept everything moving. It is not an overstatement to say that her energy and organizing talent, along with the active support of her husband, Paul, make this annual benefit possible. We are also grateful to the Moose Lodge, who have come through for years with the hall, complete with bandstand and, now, our own little bar. There were many activities occurring around the Peninsula on the night of our benefit and, we think, it lowered attendance. Some nerve. Oh, well, one of the pleasures of living in this area is that for so small a region, we have a lot to choose from. But we are grateful to have had the participation of so many Library lovers, our guests at the fundraiser. We hope all of you who were there had fun. It looked like you did. Do come to our general meeting. We'd love to have you. Keep reading and take a peek in the lobby and examine our perennial book sale offerings.

Alicia O'Neill, *President*



Librarian's Message

Hello, Friends of the Seaside Library!

Question du jour: "Do you have downloadable ebooks for my Kindle/iPad/Nook/Smartphone?" The reference desk is being asked this question because Amazon has just released some of their Kindle titles for library use via a database vendor called Overdrive. The short answer to this question is "we're working on it!"

MCFL does have ebooks that you can view online. There are lots of subjects covered—children's books, reference books, and there are Fiction favorites as well. Not as many bestsellers as we'd like to see, but we're working on this. With such a new format we're still figuring a lot of things out—by "we" I mean the whole gamut, from publishers and vendors to librarians and patrons. Don't forget, we offer downloadable audiobooks, too! Need help with figuring this stuff out? Ask us! Visit us at www.montereycountyfreelibraries.org to discover our current selection of ebooks or downloadable audio books. While you're there, feel free to contact us via email, text messaging, by phone or in person—all the info you need is on our website!

Sharon Freed, Principal Librarian

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Mission Statement: *The Friends of the Seaside Library, because we value its rich services, support the Seaside Library in meeting the current and future needs of our community, by providing advocacy, funding, resources, and volunteers.*

Next Friends Meeting

Wednesday November 16, 2011

7 pm in the Library

PLAN ON BEING THERE!

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