

FEBRUARY-APRIL 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

How important are Friends groups?

- They can literally bring a library to a community. The Emerson Library Club inaugurated library service to the greater Seaside area in the early 1930s, decades before the city was incorporated. They were truly the first friends of the Seaside Library.
- They can make the difference between budget cuts for their libraries or stability of services in challenging fiscal times. In 1980, our current Friends group was formed as a public benefit nonprofit “to provide continuous adequate support for the operation of the library.” They were propelled by concern over the passage Proposition 13, which severely impacted tax revenue for libraries across the state.
- In the past two fiscal years, 2017-18 & 2018-19, Friends of the Seaside Library has provided both funding and advocacy to help preserve vital materials, programs, and services to our community during a time of newly-reduced government support. *This is our mission.*

Please join us in this work. Become a member or renew your membership. Make a donation in honor of your favorite bibliophile. Volunteer to help with our book sale program. Each contribution matters.

Everyone is welcome at our annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, February 20, at 6pm in the Library. We will present a summary report on activities and finances from the past year, elect new officers, and celebrate Library Lovers Month.

It has been an honor to serve on the Executive Board of the Friends for the past 15 years.

Wishing you a wealth of good reads - Sandra Weaver



Book Club News

The *Food for Thought* Book Club is sponsored by the Friends and meets once a month.

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Homework Center of the Library

No preparation required, no commitment expected. Everybody is invited!

Meetings will be held on the following
Saturdays in 2019:

February 9th

March 9th

April 6th

Check out what we have read on LibraryThing:

<http://www.librarything.com/profile/SeasideBookClub>

If you need inspiration on what to read, you can use the library database for book lovers, **Bookbrowse**, available on the MCFL website.



We will celebrate our 14th anniversary of Book Club at our February session.

Please join us to discuss books and commemorate the occasion with cake.



Hello Library Lovers,

With the New Year we have some news to announce.

MCFL County Librarian Jayanti Addleman resigned after 14 years of work for our County and will start a new chapter in her career life as the City Librarian of Hayward. Our County Administrative Officer Lew Bauman has selected Martin Gomez to serve as the Interim Library Director, a librarian with many years of experience in many large libraries including Los Angeles Public Library. The HR department is also beginning the process of recruiting a permanent Library Director.

Senior Managers have been working with consultant Michelle Slade to develop a three- year strategic plan for MCFL. They are coordinating various engagement activities to gather community input, including an online survey on our webpage. We count on your help. Around Valentine’s Day look for fun strategic plan activity using die cut hearts. Write on a heart “What do you love about the library?” and write on a broken heart “What would break your heart if it disappeared from the library?” We will also have supplies available to make your own Valentine’s cards for your loved ones.

With more and more working parents asking us for weekend programs for kids we decided to move our traditional Wednesday events to Saturday. This way every Saturday there is something available for kids: In January, February and March we have **Family Matinees** every first Saturday at 2pm, **Read to a Dog** on second Saturdays at 10am, **Family Play-Date** on third Saturdays at 10am and the **SPCA Meet a Pet** workshop forth Saturdays at 10am. In February we will have a very special SPCA guest: a red tail hawk named DD. She is an educational hawk who travels to many public events. She will be with a trainer and will be tied to a glove at all times. Consider attending this special event on Saturday, February 23 at 10am. We are also starting a **Saturday Chess Club** for those who like playing chess or wish to learn. It’s for people all ages.

For more information look for announcements in the library and at the Friends’ Facebook Page.

On behalf of Seaside Branch Library staff I wish you a Happy New Year of Reading!

**Beata Obydzinski, Librarian II,
Seaside Branch Library Manager**

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Friends Treasurer Debra Gramespacher



Debra Gramespacher is a Friends volunteer whose work is mostly done behind the scenes. For the past three years, she has served as treasurer. Due to her commitment to community involvement and her loves of books she stepped up and answered the call when we needed to fill our treasurer position in 2016.

Born in Santa Rosa, her family moved to Fresno where she and her two older brothers were raised. She has fond memories of her school library and the Fresno County Free Library. After graduating from Clovis High School she studied Business Economics, and Geography at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) where she received a double Bachelor of Arts degree. One summer vacation during college she did an internship in Germany. She lived in a guest house in the Black Forest and worked in the kitchen.

It was also during this trip to Germany that she met the man she would marry, a Merchant Marine Sea Captain. She and Max have resided in Seaside for 20 years and have two sons. One attended the University of California San Diego and USC and the other followed in mom’s footsteps graduating from UCSB and is now working on his doctorate at Princeton.

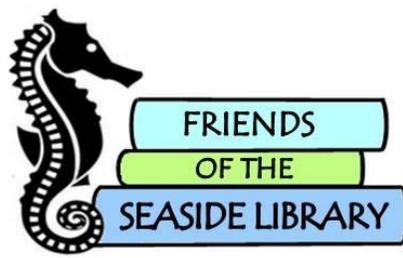
Debra works for Northrup Grumman as a Systems Engineer, providing contract support to the Department of Defense, and for the past eleven years has served as an elected trustee for the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Board of Education. She holds a Master’s Degree in Public Policy from the California State University at Monterey Bay, in partnership with the Panetta Institute.

Debra is fluent in German, and travels to Europe often. She enjoys non-fiction and reading periodicals: *Wall Street Journal*, *the New York Times* and *The Economist*. She is currently reading **1861: The Civil War Awakening** by Adam Goodheart. Her favorite authors are the Bronte sisters and Jane Austen, and her all-time favorite book is **Jane Eyre**.

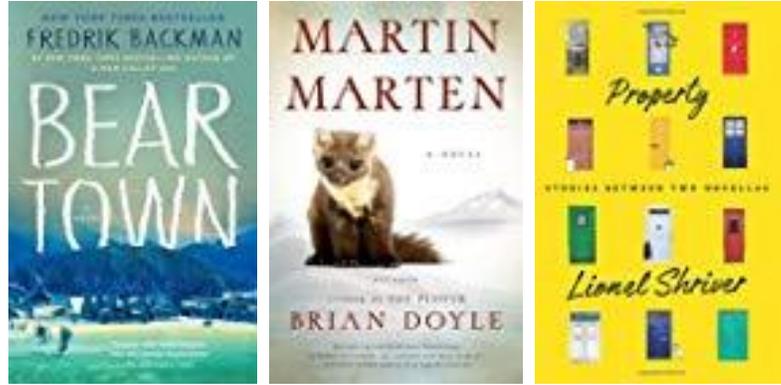
Debra cares about sustainability and enjoys riding her bike to work.

Thank you to Debra and all our volunteers!

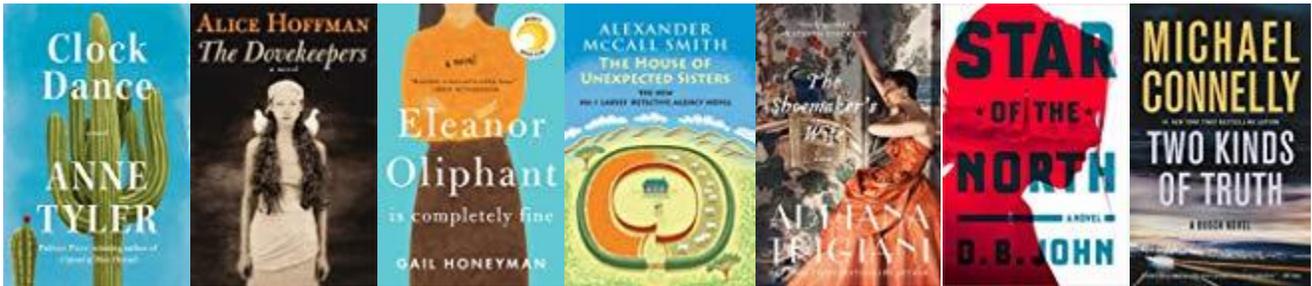
Donna Galletti



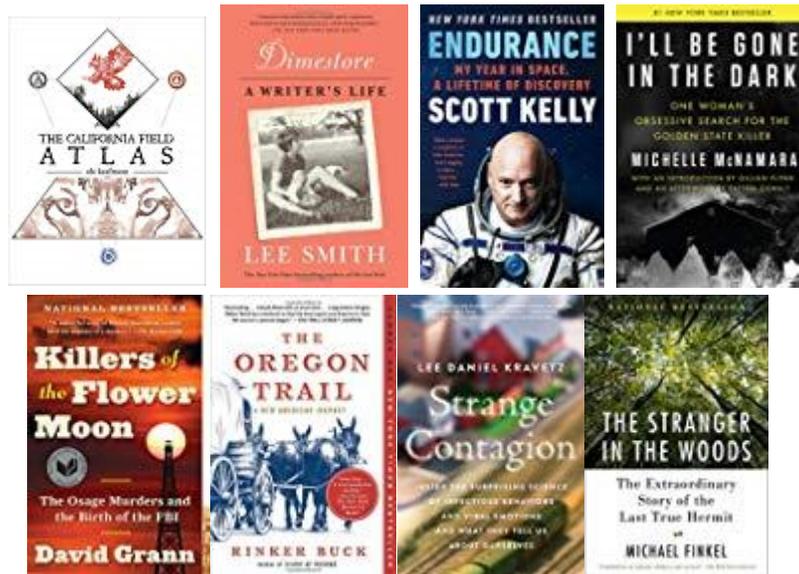
FOOD FOR THOUGHT BOOK CLUB 2018 FAVORITES:



FICTION:



NONFICTION:



These titles were all selected by book club members as their favorite fiction and non-fiction reads of 2018.



"There is no Frigate like a Book/To take us Lands away." -E.Dickinson

**Nominees for the Slate of Officers
2019-2020 Term**

President	Linda Wahlig
Vice-President	Mary Jeanne Vincent
Secretary	Mark Vining
Treasurer	Karen Bowen
Members-at-Large	Donna Galletti
	Debra Gramespacher
	Dwight Marshall
	Susan Marshall
	Leslie Simon



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TO:

Please join us for our annual
Membership Meeting on
Wednesday, February 20th, 2019
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Seaside Library-Homework Center